



Walker's Grove PTO

Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: September 2, 2021

Location: Walker's Grove, Media Center and video call through Google Meets

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: Melissa Jeszka, Anjail Wilson, Erin Kenady, Veronica Garcia

Principal: Mr. Schafermeyer

Teachers/Staff: See Attached

Parents: See Attached

On-line Google Meets: See Attached

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: Melissa Jeszka

- Spoke about the Birthday Book Project which is new this year. Sixty-eight students have already received a birthday book. The student is called and goes to Mr. Schafermeyer's office to obtain a book.
- Memberships, there are 21 Staff members and 141 parents who joined the PTO this school year.

Vice President: Nikki Lien

- Nothing to report.

Secretary: Veronica Garcia

- Nothing new to report
- Presented April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Motions To Approve: First approval by Diane Franks and second by Meggan Florell

Treasurer: Anjail Wilson

- Displayed the budget on the video call (Google Meets) and in-person attendants had a hard copy of the budget.
- She pointed out what the PTO expects to get \$20,500 through fundraising and \$5,600 through other income.
- The budget shows what expenses the PTO will have and it will show a loss at the end of the year which is normal. A loss indicates that the PTO is investing/giving back to the school.
- Motions To Approve: First by Kelly Kaczanko and second by Erin Kenady
- No one had questions about the budget
- The mums sale: sold roughly \$4,300.00 and PTO raised approximately \$1,700.00
- Culver's fundraiser: PTO raised around \$400.00
- Motions To Approve the August Financial Statement: First by Melissa Jeszka and second by Kelly Kaczanko

Fundraising: Erin Kenady

- Foxy's Ice Cream PTO raised \$135.00
- Culver's: PTO raised \$400.00
- The mum's sale raised \$1,700.00. Mums will be delivered and distributed on Sept 15th. Looking for volunteers to help out the Mums Truck unloading at 2:30 pm.
- Coming up Fundraisers:
 - Hazel Marie's
 - McDonald's McTeacher Night is on Sept 29th. PTO will get 20% of the profits. The PTO is also getting 100 Apple Pies for free and can set the price. 17 Teachers have signed up so far.
 - CAN WOW is still going on. PTO gets \$5.00 per order.
 - Read-A-Thon is on the week of Oct 4th. The web platform will open and you can start creating your account. It will be a Harry Potter theme. The school will be decorated in Harry Potter theme. Nurse Tracy will go around with the sorting hat and assign a house to each classroom. There will also be house competitions like reading minutes and teachers can also assign points, etc. Just trying to keep the kids excited. There are also 15 robes that the teacher's can wear if they like. There will be prizes. A \$20 level is your ticket for the Fall Festival which you can come to the Trunk or Treat.
- Amazon Smile (Kelly Kaczanko) just wanted to remind everyone that this is a good option to use. PTO gets .5% back but throughout the year the percentages can be higher. When you use the app but just make sure you change your settings so it will give back to the school. You will need to do this about every 6 months.
- Market Day (Melissa Jeszka) is an on-line food company that ships food directly to your house, just choose Walker's Grove and the PTO gets 10% back on your purchase.
- Trunk or Treat (Erin Kenady) PTO needs sponsors for the trunks, like candy. Erin had hard copies of the sponsorship letters and they are also posted on the website. Anyone can just ask any company/business. Costco and Target are signed up to sponsor. The library is doing a Harry Potter Basket.

Family Activities: Erin Kenady

- Fall Festival Oct 23rd from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 - Trunk or Treat 4:00 - 6:00 pm, siblings not attending the school can still participate for a small fee \$3.00 - \$5.00
 - There will be a costume contest
 - Fun Run Harry Potter theme, probably be like a quidditch theme run and have some volunteer parents dress like a snitch, all in gold clothes.
 - Hope to have a Scare Crow log with a teacher's face and parents can volunteer to decorate a teacher.
 - There will be a photo backdrop
 - There will be a food truck
 - There will be a DJ
 - The School of Rock will play for an hour
 - There will be a raffle for the PTO members

Teacher Report: Carolyn Nirtaut

- Thanked the PTO for the luncheon and stated that everyone appreciated it.
- Diana Altenhoff stated that she and some teachers liked the Birthday book idea and wanted to say Thank you by improving literacy with a birthday book. She thought it was a creative idea for the kindergartener to receive a book before their first day of class. Also thanked the PTO for all that they have done already for the students.

Administrator Report: Jeff Schafermeyer

- He said that he appreciates that everyone took the time to attend either on-line or in person.
- Spoke about how the school has a big learning curve. The staff had to have everything in place prior to having students start school. Families had to adjust to a new routine like arrivals, dismissals, recess and lunch. The school also faces the challenges of social distancing, washing hands and wearing a mask. He stated that the school has done a phenomenal job.
- Thanked the PTO for the luncheon and snacks
- The PTO has offered to purchase the staff T-shirts but it is on hold for now.
- Walker's Grove is working on a school improvement plan that will be published on the district information. They are trying to make committees that will support the school improvement plan. They currently have School leadership which is the school rising star committee, Special Education committee, technology committee, curriculum and instruction committee, virtual reading and math committee, social emotional committee, and cultural confidence. They meet once a month.
- The school's goal right now is to keep everyone safe. Getting everyone in or out of the building safely and safe when they are in school. Keeping the parents informed when issues come up. And making this an unique and normal experience for the kids.
- He thinks that the Birthday book idea is awesome.

Committee Report: Melissa Jeszka

- Box Tops: The PTO has raised \$290. Also you can download the app and scan your receipts
- Coca Cola Give: The PTO has raised \$34.14
- Philanthropy:
 - There is a committee formed. The chairperson is Lehan.
 - There will be a coat drive at the end of October
 - Will try to have student make cards for the seniors in the nursing homes for different holidays
 - Cape Meeting Review is the organization that oversees all of the parents' groups in all 31 schools in the district. There is a Cape Representative for every school. Melissa Jeszka is our Representative and she relates information of the cape meetings. From the last meeting, Dr Abrell discussed current problems with bussing. Also, thanked the parents for helping on getting everything run smoothly. Introduced new staff. The person in charge of APT spoke about trying to keep the students to do the correct procedures dealing with COVID and having teachers help the student not to get behind in classwork when in quarantine. They spoke of homecoming on Oct 2nd. Some schools got assigned to do a float. Walker's grove is not doing one this year. We had to pay CAPE dues \$70. CAPE minutes are posted on-line.

New Business: Melissa Jeszka

- No new business
- There are parents who signed up to be volunteers for family activities. PTO hopes to have events in the spring.

Questions: Open to the floor

- *What is the process to volunteer? (Parent)*
Melissa Jeszka answered that the facebook PTO page has a google form where a parent can sign up. And PTO will send an email with the information on the committee that the person volunteered for. Melissa will share the volunteering sign up with Mr Schafermeyer and he will share it again with the families.
- *Are parent volunteers allowed in the classrooms? (Parent)*
Mr Schafermeyer answered that with the covid protocol in place right now, no the volunteer is NOT allowed. The school is trying to limit the number of volunteers coming in during the school day.

Melissa Jeszka introduced Meggan Florell as the PTO web designer and thanked her for all her work.

The raffle for the parking spot in the back of the school was held and a winner was chosen. The PTO will contact her. If the parent does not take the parking spot, they will still get a prize and another parent will be chosen. The winner will also be announced on the facebook page.

Melissa Jeszka thanked everyone for joining the meeting and joining the PTO.

Mr. Schafermeyer mentioned that the PTO meetings will take place in person and remotely at the same time.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.