

12/12/17

Wallace Elementary PTO Meeting –

Members Present:

Meeting Start: 6:45pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Presidents Report:

Thanks all who contributed food for Fall Conferences and who shopped at Book Fair.

Reviewed current open positions.

Newsletter entries were due by today. If have them, send to Jen Nemmers yet tonight.

Principal's Report:

New school on track. Playground approved and will go in spring/summer. Anticipate there will be tours this summer, and PTO may get a tour time available to them, as well. Teachers are getting to tour currently.

Secretary's Report:

Review of November minutes. Morgan Halverson moved to approve. Angela Duster seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed previous month's income and expenses, as well as current account balance. Sara Maule moved to approve. Lori Waterbeck seconded. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Fareway Round Up program generated \$1000.56, and Wallace's share is \$200.00 The store manager was pleased with how it went as this was the first time this store has done this program.
2. The PTO previously discussed the skating grant request submitted to the Johnston Community School Foundation and determined not to participate this year. This is a grant request submitted by all elementary PE teachers for equipment to share among the elementary schools to do a roller skating unit. Foundation had asked each PTO to contribute \$1000 to this. At the start of this school year we did not commit to this as we were reserving funds for current year programs and anticipated needs when we move to the new building next year. However, we now have unanticipated income from the Fareway Round Up program and the October skating party that could go toward these, as both of these were unplanned income. We could also fundraise to fill the gap at a future skating event. Opened to questions/discussion, followed by a show of hands vote. Jen Nemmers moved. Deanne O'Hollearn seconded. Approved.

New Business:

1. Fifth Grade Biz Town: The rates for participation have tripled this year. Next year the PTO may discuss adding this as a line item to fund it like how we do for Razzkids, or at least to help partially fund it. The other 4 elementary schools in our district have found a way for their students to participate this year. Susie is working on a grant that will have to come to the PTO, then we can turn around and grant it to the school for this. Susie noted that just to send the kids is \$1800, not including transportation. The school could potentially cover transportation costs next year. Discussed that Junior Achievement has a new director who is no longer allowing businesses to sponsor schools, and this is the reason for the increased cost. Susie also noted the cost could be higher when we go to 5 sections for each grade once in the new building.
2. Teacher Winter Gifts: \$50 per person has been gifted to all certified teaching staff for anything they may want to purchase for their classrooms.
3. Possible Budget Amendment: Reviewed report of budget spending for the year. There is currently not a place in the budget to put the Fareway and skating party income or the grant for Biz Town. Recommendation is to create a line to put these items, as well as for paying out the money. These will be titled "Miscellaneous Fundraising" and "Special Requests". It is recommended to budget \$2400 for this. Morgan Halverson moved and Renea Barker seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Hospitality: Thanks for all who helped with conference dinners. Feedback was requested regarding Goodwill Catering. Teachers present noted it was good. The cookie walk date is changed to 12/14, and they are in need of more cookies. These need to be brought to the school by noon Thursday or to Kelly Schulte's on Wednesday.
2. Fall Book Fair: The book fair was very successful. Each teacher is getting a little over \$300 for their classrooms to buy books.
3. SCRIP: The gift cards are in. This did well and was about on par with years past. The gift cards will come home with students this Friday.
4. Wallace Wear: Johnston Strong shirts profits were split with all the PTOs. Wallace's share was a little over \$1100, and we will be using the funds to purchase something for solidarity and community at the new building. What exactly will be purchased is yet to be decided.
5. Friends of Wallace: A paper flyer was sent home last week.

Open Forum for Questions:

Special Education teachers attended this month's meeting and shared they have two kids going with the 3rd grade to the Science Center coming up. The students are excited for the school-wide makers day next week.

Meeting Adjourned:

Lori Waterbeck moved to adjourn, Angela Duster seconded. Adjourn at 7:37pm.