10/10/24

Walker’s Grove PTO

Meeting Minutes

Walker’s Grove PTO General Meeting

Location: Walker’s Grove Elementary – Media Center

Meeting called to order by Joanna McColgan at 6:30pm

Attendance:

* Board Members: Joanna McColgan, Desi Kedzior, Sue Scarbrough, Beth Nassis, Rebecca Villegas, Colleen Wilson
* Principal – Mr. Schafermeyer

**INTRODUCTIONS**

* Other Attendees: See Meeting Attendance Sign-in Sheet at the end of Meeting Minutes

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Corey Worden from the Plainfield Parent Community Network
	+ Talked about upcoming events to promote mental, emotional, physical well-being
	+ Resource fair date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024
	+ 4 events are being planned
	+ Flyer will go out in Weekly Wire on Friday

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Vice President: Desi Kedzior

* Fall Class Parties Update
	+ Still looking for parent volunteers for Murray and Peter classes
	+ Fall party emails went out yesterday (Wed, Oct 9, 2024)
* Winter Class Parties
	+ Parent volunteer signups will go out in late November

Secretary: Sue Scarbrough

* Motion to approve minutes from September 2024 – 1- Colleen Wilson and 2- Mrs. Penney

Treasurer: Desi Kedzior (sitting in for Sarah Shah)

* Read-a-thon
	+ $440 – student supplies
* PTO membership
	+ Almost 200 members
* Motion to approve – 1- Rebecca Villegas and 2- Mrs. Penney

Fundraising: Beth Nassis

* Read-a-thon – DONE!!!!
	+ Game truck, taping PE teachers, cutting off Mr. Schafermeyer’s tie
		- Pictures have been posted
* McTeacher Night at McDonald’s is the next restaurant night
	+ Thurs October 17, from 4p-8p
	+ Cookies (instead of apple pies) will be sold for $1.00 each
	+ 20 staff members participating
	+ Winston will be there
	+ Teacher time sign-ups will be posted online
* Next Restaurant fundraising night: Chipotle on Tuesday, November 12, 2024
* Big Thank You to teachers for letting all the interruptions happen during Read-a-thon
* Huge Thank You to Mr. Schafermeyer and Mrs. Hillmer for donating $55.01 to round out final Read-a-thon donation amount to $40,000.01

Family Activities: Rebecca Villegas

* Trunk or Treat progress
	+ Time: 5:30p-7:00p
	+ Taco truck is booked
	+ Photo props
	+ Prizes
	+ Beth mentioned to make sure Taco truck (Santiago’s) is well-advertised because they will give a percentage of proceeds from sales back to WG
* 2nd-3rd Grade Event (Friday, November 15, 2024)
	+ Pirate Scavenger Hunt theme
	+ Snacks, pirate loot
	+ Registration due October 31, 2024
	+ Joanna said Katey mentioned they reached out to the Key Club for helpers, as well as NJHS/NHS from North HS
* Still looking for volunteers to chair K-1st Grade Event on Dec 6, 2024

**TEACHER REPORT** – Ms. Gutrich, Mrs. Penney

* Thank You for the $50 allotments to teachers from the Read-a-thon
* Communication for Read-a-thon was great
* Popcorn Party was great
* Spirit Sticks sales (new format) has been awesome
* Kids really enjoyed the Bullying assembly
* Thanks for letting teachers know ahead of time about activities planned for Fall parties
* 5th Grade says thank you for the owl pellets (vomit)
* Stock-tober was a win – thank you
* Thank you to the decorating committee…everything looks great

Joanna McColgan

* Teachers - be sure to fill out favorite things questionnaire
* Teachers – be sure to brainstorm for allotments
* Lunch for teachers will be provide by PTO on Monday, Nov 4 during conferences
* Everyone – please save paper towel rolls for the 2nd-3rd grade event

Mr. Schafermeyer

* Read-a-Thon comments
	+ Thank you for a great Read-a-thon
		- 96,000 minutes read
		- School looks great
		- Rewards, games, events, popcorn – all awesome
* Color Run was great
* Bookfair was a success
* Thank you to all who helped with the all-school photo
* Bullying assembly was great
* 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade map and compass unit
	+ Had a lot of fun helping with that
* Thank you to everyone who contributes to the weekly wire
* Weekly notes are much better than monthly
* End of Quarter is tomorrow (Friday, October 11, 2024)
	+ Report cards will be emailed on October 25, 2024)
* Red house admin (Mr Schafermeyer and colleagues) will be presenting school improvement plan
* Breakfast with Books
* McTeacher night
* Halloween Parade and Parties
	+ Parade will be outside (weather permitting)
		- In the event of bad weather, parade will be indoors, but will not be avail for parents to attend
	+ Classroom parties will take place after parade
* Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Friday, November 1st (8a-1p) and Monday, November 4th (8a-8p)
* No school on Tuesday, November 5th (Election Day)
* Lots of good has happened already…lots of good coming up!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CAPE

* Desi relayed that Dr Wood wanted to reiterate that PSD202 makes security its utmost top priority and asks parents not to rely on social media for news. Unless you hear it from Mr. Schafermeyer or the PSD202 admin…don’t believe it.

Philanthropy

* Thank you from Vanessa at Just Cause Create Joy for the Halloween costumes donated/collected
* Pop Tab challenge is underway
* Veteran’s Day project will be collecting handprint cutouts from students that will be used to construct a giant American flag

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm

