



Walker's Grove PTO

Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: **February 9, 2023**

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

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: Melissa Jeszka, Nikki Lien, Veronica Garcia, Desi Kedzior, Erin Kenady, Tiffany King and Adri Herbert

Principal: Mr. Schafermeyer

Interim Assistant Principal: Meaghan Weber

Other Attendees: See Meeting Attendance Sign In Sheet

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: *Melissa Jeszka*

- **Popcorn Days**

For all second grade and Kindergarten Rooms for Santana and Martinez it will be on Feb 24th. First grade will be on March 31st.

- **Birthday Books** Total books given out are 327

August 63, September 61, October 66, November 38, December 45, January 54

- **Snowflake Counting Contest:** There is a display decorated with snowflakes and the student and staff will count/guess how many they are. The younger grades count different amounts of snowflakes. The prize is a snow spirit stick, 25 students per grade will win. The winners will be chosen after February 20th.

- **Friendship Assembly:** Matt Wilhelm BMX will be performing on February 14th. His assembly is about bullying and being kind. All kids will be getting spirit sticks with messages of being kind.

- **Cape Awards:** Nominations are due February 20th. The winner ceremony will be on April 12th. The google voting form is in the weekly wire.

- PTO next year Board nominations and Committee Chair Volunteers information has been sent to the PTO members. The google form to sign up if you are interested is on Facebook page and the weekly wire. March 9th is the deadline to have the nominations submitted. If more than one person signs up for a position then there will be an election in April.

Vice President: *(Nikki Lien)*

- Nothing new to report

Secretary: *Veronica Garcia*

- Nothing new to report
- Motions To Approve January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes: First approval by Meggan Florell and second by Mary Gutrich.

Treasurer: *Desi Kedzior*

- Not a lot of changes to the financial statement but the biggest is the expenses of the Spirit Sticks and the tables purchase for the outdoor space
- Motions To Approve 01/31/23 Financial Statement: First approval by Lauren Torres and second by Nikki Lien

Fundraising: *Erin Kenady*

- Culver's Restaurant Night: have not received the check but it looks busy and thanked the teachers and Winston for attending.
- Spirit Sticks: PTO sold about 350. There will be another sale on February 24th. There is one spirit stick per student. Maybe in the future there will be more choices and quantities to buy. Teachers mentioned that it was nice to know which spirit stick is being sold and to be able to show the student beforehand. There will be volunteers picking up the students and taking them to the lobby to buy the students to purchase their spirit sticks.
- Lou Malnati's Restaurant Night is on March 8th in three different locations: Shorewood, Naperville and Oswego
- The Piggy Bank Palooza will start on March 6 and go through March 10th. This will be our spring fundraiser for our outdoor space.

Family Activities: *Adriana Herbert*

- Adult Male Role Model/Daughter event date will be on February 24th. Flyers will go out tomorrow. A reminder will be posted online.
- Adult Female Role Model/don Bowlero Event in Romeoville, will be on March 19th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Flyers will be going home on Friday, February 24th. They will be due on March 10th. It is a package with food and gift cards, etc.

Teacher Report: *Mary Gutrich*

- Spirit Sticks went very smoothly, and kids were very super excited about them.
- Pizza Bingo: It was nice that the teachers were invited.
- Kids are excited for the BMX Friendship Assembly.
- Asked if there will be parent volunteers for picture day. Mr. Schafermeyer will discuss it with Angie and get back to us.
- Thanked the PTO for the lobby hallway decorations with snowflakes. Mention that some teachers like to do them and that it doesn't take long for the students to do.

Administrator Report: *Mr. Schafermeyer*

- Thanked the PTO for all the decorations and contests.
- Really appreciated the Pizza Bingo. Had new participants and it was fun and enjoyed having families together.
- Spirit Sticks went great
- Battle of the books pictures are on the district's website.
- There is a D.A.R.E. recognition trophy that will be displayed. It is a traveling trophy and each year it will go to someone else. There was a D.A.R.E. fundraising and 6 fifth grade students were recognized for leading the fundraising.
- The popcorn days are going great
- The kids heart challenge is going on right now
- Feb 24th for Spring Picture
- Thanked PTO for all they do

Committee Report: *Melissa Jeszka*

- Ongoing fundraising:
Box Tops, Coca Cola Give, Amazon Smile, and Market Day. Amazon Smiles program will end on February 20th.
There is a Target promotion going on for Box Tops. Information posted on the PTO facebook page.
- Cape Meeting Review:
Dr Wood is always there speaking about different things. If you want to know what is going on you can always attend a meeting. It is open to the public or you can see them online on the district website. They spoke about the 5 essential survey. Mrs Schafermeyer mentioned that in order for the school to get any feedback from the parents, they need 20 percent of the parents to take the survey. They also spoke about the five scholarships that they give to high school students. The application is out there and will be posted on the PTO facebook page.
- Philanthropy:
 - A food collection will be great and will do a collection towards the end of the school year.
 - Hearts for Seniors were delivered to the inside out club who then will deliver to the Meals on Wheels families. About 450 students turn in their hearts.
- Write On:
Is still ongoing. The books could be done in school or at home
- Yearbook: (Meggan Florell)
The book cover contest is due today. Only students get to vote on the covers. There is a link to order the yearbooks. The yearbook ordering is due on March 24th.
- Beautification: (*Tiffany King*)
The Piggy Bank Palooza fundraising money will go towards providing shade on the outdoor space. Were planning on a sun sail but found out that it is around \$36,000 so decided instead purchasing umbrellas that are estimated to cost \$3,000. Also looking at installing a retaining wall this year. The outdoor tables will be delivered on the week of March 13th.

New Business: *Melissa Jeszka*

- There will be a Free Family Tech Talk on March 15th at 8:00 pm. It will be a Zoom call for parents. They will speak about online gaming, social media, online risk, what to look for, etc. Information will be sent out on the weekly wire and on the PTO facebook page.

Questions/Comments:

- There is going to be a fifth grade celebration. Carly Martin is the Chairperson. She still needs to meet with teachers and get a date for the celebration.
- Have reviewed the results of the parent PTO survey. The PTO is still in discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.