



# Walker's Grove PTO

## Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: **October 13, 2022**

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

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 6:33 p.m.

Attendance:

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

**Principal:** Mr. Schafermeyer

**Other Attendees:** See Meeting Attendance Sign In Sheet

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### OFFICER'S REPORTS

**President:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- In an effort to save paper, the PTO will no longer be printing the Meeting Minutes to hand out at each meeting. The minutes will be posted on the PTO website.
- **Popcorn Days**  
The PTO will be making popcorn for each grade once a month starting with 5th grade on Oct 28th during their lunch period. There was an email sent out for the parents to sign up to volunteer to make the popcorn and distribute it. The following month will be the 4th grade and so on.
- **Birthday Books:** in August there were 63 books given out and in September 61 books
- **Thankful Trees:** The read-a-thon committee made some trees and they will be repurposed as thankful trees. Sue Scarbrough has volunteered to head this activity. Leaves will be given out to all the children and staff to write something they are thankful for. It will be for the month of November and an email will be sent out with all the information to the staff.
- **Media Center Author Visit:** The PTO will be paying author Tom Waton to visit the 3rd thru 5th grades and the other author for the younger grades will be free.
- There was a vote to approve the updated PTO's Organizational ByLaws. Motion to Approve: First by Veronica Garcia and second by Erin Kenady. All in favor and no opposed. The updated By-Laws will be posted on the PTO's website.

**Vice President:** *(Nikki Lien- Absent) reported by Melissa Jeszka*

- For the Halloween Parties the volunteer sign up has been sent out and the slots have been filled. Everyone has been emailed and the party planning process has started. The lead volunteer will get a check to use for the expenses of the party and they are ready to be picked up in the office. There will be a parking issue. Please carpool or walk if possible. Park in the teacher's parking lot or along the sides or across the street. Do NOT park in front of the school, or where the school buses park, or in the back of the school where the cars line up for the after school pick up.

Question: Are all three volunteers for the class party filled?

Answer: Most classrooms have three volunteers except one.

Question: Are the volunteers supposed to be emailing the teacher what they are planning to do for the classroom parties?

Answer: The teachers received an email with their list of parent volunteers. The lead parent should be emailing their plans to the teacher for their approval.

**Secretary:** *Veronica Garcia*

- Nothing new to report
- Motions To Approve Sept 8th Meeting Minutes: First approval by Desi Kedzior and second by Lauren Torres.

**Treasurer:** *Desi Kedzior*

- Meeting attendants had a copy of the Financial Statement Ending 09-30-22.
- PTO has made a profit from the read-a-thon about \$6,500 and Spirit wear around \$2,000. It will break even for the Adult/Daughter event. And a big expense will be the author's visit.
- Motions To Approve 9/30 Financial Statement: First approval by Erin Kenady and second by Tiffany King

**Fundraising:** *Erin Kenady*

- Backroads Restaurant Night is on October 13th
- Altitude Family Night is on November 2nd
- Aurelio's Night is November 16th
- Read-a-thon made around \$42,000. There was 68% participation. \$20,000 will go towards the start of the outdoor classroom. The PTO will also have Polar Express movie night, the color run again and other activities. The committee did an amazing job!
- Spirit sticks: PTO is researching and still in the planning phase

**Family Activities:** *Adriana Herbert*

- Adult female / Daughter Bowling is on Oct 23rd and have 101 persons signed up for the 9:30 am slot and 141 persons for the 12:00 pm slot
- Adult Male/Son Event will be on November 20th at Galaxi Fun Zone and more information will be sent out in a couple of weeks.
- Winter Celebration/Polar Express (*Erin Kenady*) There will be two shows of the movie. One at 10:30 am and the other at 1:00 pm. People can come an hour before the showing. The lunchroom will have some activities/crafts to do before the movie. The activity/craft can also be taken to do at home. Will need volunteers to decorate or help on the day of the show.

**Teacher Report:** *Mary Kay Gutrich*

- Mentioned how great the read-a-thon was; the costumes, the decorated hallways, the awards, the excitement of the kids, grateful how easy it was for the teachers, etc
- The magician was awesome. So loud and so much fun.
- Thanks to all the volunteers that do so much for the teachers.
- Nothing much more to report

**Administrator Report:** *Mr. Schafermeyer*

- Tomorrow is the end of the first quarter. Teachers are working on the report cards and will go out in about two weeks.
- A couple of thank yous:
  - For the Read-a-thon. The focus of literacy was amazing. The superintendent visited our school on Thursday of last week and we were able to highlight that the school read over 100,000 minutes and had donations of \$42,000. Hats off to everyone who worked on this fundraiser.
  - For the Pro Kids Assembly that was a big hit. It was fun to see a couple of parents participate.
  - For the volunteers that helped out for the school group picture. It went smoothly.
  - For the Copy Club volunteers who make copies on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- The Watch Dogs started on October 3rd and is doing very well. There are still some spots open.
- The buddy bench has arrived but not sure if it is ready for the kids yet.
- The Halloween Party is one of the most popular parties. Please have your kids dress appropriately, and parents park where they are supposed to park. For the volunteers that are taking kids with them after the party, please sign kids out from their classrooms and then sign yourself out from the front office. The main priority is to maintain safety for everyone. Going outside for the Halloween parade, weather pending. Going out the front door and walking around the school and come right back in.
- Math and Literacy Night is on November 15th from 6:00 pm - 7:00. Requesting some help from the PTO for some signage around the building and making 6 gift baskets. The theme is Read around the World With Winston. There will be a book swap. The kids will leave a book and take a book. It would be nice to have some book donations ahead of time so they can be sorted out and ready. There will be a box out in the lobby. If there are extra books after the event, they can be donated and it can be something for the philanthropy committee to take care of. The book fair will be open from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The whole staff will be present.

**Committee Report:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- Ongoing fundraising:
  - Box Tops where you just scan your receipt on the Box Top app
  - Coca Cola Give: send in your bottle caps or the code inside the carton of multi pack cans
  - Amazon Smile: choose Walker's Grove PTO and we get a portion back
  - Market Day: choose Walker's Grove PTO and we get a portion back
- Cape Meeting Review: *(Melissa Jeszka)*

In the last CAPE meeting they spoke a lot about the Homecoming. There was a police officer speaking about parade safety. This year Walker's Grove had to find three judges and a few volunteers. We want to thank the volunteers and judges. The winners for elementary level are Central, Lincoln and Wallin Oaks. Next year we will have a float. In the CAPE meeting it was also discussed to reinstate an Honors and Gifted Program Parents Advisory Group and spoke about PTO fundraising and other matters. If anyone would like to be a CAPE representative, a position will be open for next year.

- Philanthropy: (*Rebecca Villegas*)
  - For Veteran's Day, there is a template given to the kids to interview a veteran and then they will be hung around the school and have some decorations.
  - There will be a new toy drive for a Community Christian Church. They are asking for donations from \$10 - \$25 value. There will be a donation box in the lobby.
  - Meals on Wheels Valentine Lunch Bags again like last year.
  
- Beautification: (*Tiffany King*)
 

The PTO reached the goal of \$20,000 and can start working on the outside classroom. There will be a slab of cement big enough to be able to put some tables on it at the back of the school building along with a sail to provide some shade from the sun. Eventually the PTO would like to purchase some large game activities like a giant connect four so the kids play at recess. The space is intended to be used for both teaching and recess. There are three vendors that the district recommends. There has been discussion between cement or pavers. If we go with the cement, it can be done by Thanksgiving week. There is an opportunity for a grant for the sail which can cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000. For this grant, the school would need to have a year long program like a healthy skin program, etc. This is something that will need to be explored. There was discussion about tables that Eagle Scouts can build as a project. There was also mention that the music department needs a rack built for the ukuleles that an Eagle Scout can do. For the Sun Shade, if it is in the budget, the PTO can purchase it if the grant takes too long. If the grant gets approved we can move the shade somewhere else. There was a discussion on how expensive concrete is and the pros and cons between concrete and pavers. Mr. Schafermeyer praised the beautification committee for their hard work on this project.
  
- Write On: (*Melissa Jeszka*)
 

The Chair person is Colleen. She has met with most of the 4th and 5th grade classes. There has been a sign up sent out first to the PTO members and tomorrow to the rest of the school in the weekly wire. Write On is where the student gets to write a book and the PTO "publishes" binds the book that they can take home. It is like a paper book. The student can also display it in the library. The student will write, illustrate and edit the book. Looking for volunteers to read the stories and help edit it. Need people to type the stories, and to interview the students. There is no charge and the student can do two books per year.

**New Business:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- Bingo with Books will be on November 17th for the students during the school day. The winners will get a new book and every student will get a little something. Volunteers are needed. It is NOT the same as Pizza Bingo which is a family event.

### **Questions/Comments:**

- There was a question about the meeting notes. They are posted on the PTO website within 7 days after the PTO meeting.
- Someone asked if volunteers would be needed for picture day. Mr Schafermeyer answered that they had some volunteers in the past and can possibly have them again for future picture days. Nov 10th is fall picture retakes.
- Field Day the parents want to volunteer for that event but the event is run by the P.E. department and they decide who gets to volunteer. In the recent past years, they had high schoolers volunteer for Field Day.
- For the Copy Club it was mentioned that maybe the time slot is not long enough. Another person stated that on her day, there wasn't much to copy. It can help to have the teachers write the date that they would like to have their copies done so the copying can be prioritized. Mentioned that maybe adding another day to the schedule or an afternoon shift.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.