



# Walker's Grove PTO

## Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: **March 9, 2023**

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

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 6:30 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

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## OFFICER'S REPORTS

**President:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- **Birthday Books** Total books given out are 383  
August 63, September 61, October 66, November 38, December 45, January 54, February 56  
June and July Birthdays will be given before the end of the school year.
- **Cape Awards Winners:** Teacher of the Year: Karen Kalicki (4th Grade Honors Teacher),  
Support Staff of the Year: Nikki Lien, Volunteer of the Year: Meggan Florell.  
There will be an award ceremony on April 12th to be honored by the district.
- **Snowflake Counting Contest:** There were 150 winners that received spirit sticks, 25 per grade level. 10 staff members won Target Gift cards.
- **Friendship Assembly:** went very well, all of the kids seem to enjoy it
- **Family Tech Talk:** The PTO in conjunction with PTO Today set up a FREE family tech talk for March 15th at 8:00 pm. It is a live Zoom where you can ask questions. It is for all over the United States. The link will be posted on the Linktree.
- CAPE has four people running for three school board positions openings. CAPE will be running an event on March 16th on-line and each school can ask two questions to the nominees. The answer is posted online.
- PTO next year Board nominations and Committee Chair Volunteers signup is due today. If there are still Committee Chair openings, the PTO will announce the open positions as needed. The link is on the Linktree. Nominations can still be made from the floor today. Committee Chair that still available are Breakfast with books, CAPE Rep, School Supply Kits, Write On, Spring Event and Parent Child events. If we need to have an election, we need to have at least 10% (19 people) of the PTO members present to do a ballot vote.
- Next month April 13th will be the last PTO meeting for the school year. There will NOT be a meeting in May. In the April 13th meeting we will have elections if needed, if not we will announce the new PTO Board for the next school year.

**Vice President:** *(Nikki Lien)*

- Nothing new to report

**Secretary:** *Veronica Garcia*

- Motions To Approve February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes: First approval by Dezi Kedzior and second by Rebecca Villegas.
- Asked if anyone would like to nominate themselves or another person, but no one said anything.

**Treasurer:** *Desi Kedzior*

- Noted changes to the financial statement \$600 from Culver's, Spirit Sticks sales came in, Adult Male/Daughter event Expenses, Outdoor improvement expense
- Motions To Approve 02/28/23 Financial Statement: First approval by Rebecca Villegas and second by Chrissy Penny

**Fundraising:** *Erin Kenady*

- Lou Malnati's Restaurant went well
- Spirit Sticks Sale made around \$500. Next sale is on March 31st.
- The Piggy Bank Palooza is so much fun and so far made \$6,000

**Family Activities:**

- Adult Male Role Model/Daughter: The girls had fun, the decor was cute and everyone was happy and had a good time.
- Adult Female Role Model/Son Bowlero Event on March 19th and already have 187 Registered and registration is closed

**Teacher Report:** *Mary Gutrich*

- Kids really had fun with the Piggy Bank Palooza
- Expressed their love for the PTO
- Kids really enjoyed the Friendship Assembly

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

- Thanked the PTO for the Birthday Books are tons of fun and the kids really like it
- Piggy Bank Palooza is going really well
- CAPE Awards: Thanked the winners
- Spirit Sticks are going great
- Friendship Assembly was nice and had a good message
- Adult Male role model/Daughter dance was nice
- Thanked all the teachers for their work. It is almost the end of the 3rd quarter. Thanked Meaghan Weber for stepping up to the Interim Vice Principal.
- Tech Talk coming up next week
- 5th graders will have a field trip that is a bonding experience in the Plainfield North High School.
- SIP day next week. New Math resource to be utilized in our school.
- Students made a request for an outdoor garden and a recycling program, discussion and planning need to be made in order to accommodate their requests
- Thanked Melissa Jeszka for her 2 years as PTO President
- Field trips are limited due to the shortage of bus drivers and requests to have a driver need to be submitted with plenty of time in advance.
- Thanked the parents for supporting The Kids Heart challenge and raising \$18,000

**Committee Report:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- Ongoing fundraising:  
Received an Amazon check \$125 and will get one more check.  
We still do Box Tops, Coca Cola Give, Market Day.
- Cape Meeting Review:  
Still need a CAPE Rep. Meetings are on the 1st Friday of the month. They will give a little report on what is going on in the district, a principal from each level is present. They will bring back their Gala which they are fundraising for. Walker's Grove PTO will be supplying a basket to be raffled off. The National Association for Down Syndrome spoke about what the organization is about and what it does. The Plainfield Parents group spoke about the upcoming event. The library and the park district also spoke on what they are doing.
- Philanthropy: (Rebecca Villegas)  
Nothing new to report
- Write On:  
Is still ongoing and still meeting with the kids
- Yearbook: (Meggan Florell)  
The yearbook ordering is due on March 24th
- Beautification: (Tiffany King)  
Got another quote for the sun sail but it was way over budget. Umbrellas and tables will be delivered on March 13th. Kids are excited about the outdoor space and already received a request to have an outdoor school garden.
- Color Run will be on Friday May 12th 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, will be ordering T-Shirts for that day. Teachers will also have a chance to participate.

**Questions/Comments:**

- The PE teachers are selling T Shirts for Field Day. Any money earned from those sales are used towards field day. This year is Red T Shirts for all grade levels.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.