

10/10/17

PTO Meeting -

Members Present: Barbara Remer, Sue Pittman, Angie Ferguson, Angela Duster, Morgan Halverson, Sara Maule, Janet Bristow, Deanne O'Hollearn, Minal Garg, Jen Nemmers, Renea Barker, Marian Stimson, Jess Keeling, Robin Kuhlman, Dawn Canova, Jana Dewhurst, Crissy Pohl, Alicia VerHuel, Staci Randall

Meeting Start: 6:48 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

President's Report:

Open Positions - Need chairs for the following: Spirit Wear, Fifth Grade Memory Book, Spring Fundraiser, Academic Night

Newsletter - If anyone has anything to add to the newsletter, send to Jen Nemmers by Tuesday, October 24th.

Teacher Grant Program - Budgeted \$3,000. The deadline for teachers to turn in their requests is Friday, October 20th. The Grant Committee will meet to go over the requests and once approved for consideration, the teacher grant requests will be discussed as to what will be funded at our next month's PTO meeting.

November meeting change - The November meeting has been moved up to November 7th, due to conferences during our regularly scheduled time and the following week is Thanksgiving break. There is a fifth grade band concert on the evening of November 7th, so it will be decided whether to start at 7:15 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Principal's Report:

The construction of the new Wallace building is on schedule. The fifth grade DigiKidz did a video last week to show the outside of the building. The next DigiKidz video will showcase the inside of the building, beginning with the preschool area. Each time there will be a different area to present to showcase each section of the building, in order to build excitement throughout the school year. There are also renderings of the future Wallace building in the front hallway at the current Wallace building.

Secretary's Report:

Review of September meeting minutes. Marian Stimson moved to approve. Renea Barker seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed Expense Report for 9/12/17 - 10/09/17. Balance in account is over \$53,000. Opened up for questions. Angie Ferguson asked about the low amount that was left from the t-shirt balance. Renea Barker explained that 80 additional shirts were ordered for the grade levels and staff, since the design on the shirt will not change going forward. Angela Duster approved, Sue Pittman seconded. Filed as read.

Old Business:

1. We are still doing the Fareway Round-Up program - the program allows you to "round up" your purchase to the next nearest dollar amount. The proceeds go to all of the elementary PTO's. Staci Randall will get in contact with the PTO member from Lawson that is heading this up to get an update.

New Business:

2. Kindergarten Teachers- Mrs. Kuhlman said the firefighters will be coming on Thursday, October 12th to present to the kindergarteners. Mrs. Canova mentioned the kindergarten teachers are enjoying the continued subscription to Raz Kids. Mrs. Kuhlman added that the Wallace students have earned 20,000 tickets to earn a "Read & Feed" reward, and the kindergarten classes are planning to read in the hallway, while eating a healthy snack with their pj's.

3. Johnston Strong T-Shirts - After the security threat at the Johnston schools, the Summit PTO worked with Broken Arrow to sell Johnston Strong shirts to the Johnston community. It is a fundraiser, in which the proceeds will be distributed among all of the PTO's in Johnston. The money will be used to give back to the Johnston community, as a way to show our resilience. The deadline to order the shirts is at noon on Monday, October 16th. The facebook page has a link to order.

Committee Reports:

1. **Homeroom Coordinators** - The directories have been sent out to all of the classes. The homeroom parents will be contacting parents to help with providing treats/supplies for the upcoming parties.

2. **Hospitality** - Starbucks gift cards are delivered at the beginning of each month for staff birthdays. On September 29th, Homecoming treats were provided to all of the staff, and on October 31st, holiday treats (caramel apples) will be provided to all of the staff. For parent-teacher conferences, there will be a potluck on Tuesday, November 14th and a catered meal on Thursday, November 16th. Sign-ups will be coming out soon asking committee members for help for the catered meal, since Kelly will be out of town during that time. The Cookie Walk is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th.

3. **Fall Fundraiser** - The fundraiser is doing very well. The committee has needed to order more books because the supply ran out. Over \$1,000 was raised in online sales, alone. Over 700 books have been sold.

4. **Friends of Wallace** -During the fall fundraiser, over \$600 has come in for donations. Some parents are choosing to donate money rather than purchase the Entertainment Book, which has helped the Friends of Wallace.

5. **Box Tops** -Emails went out to teachers and letters went out to families about sending in Box Tops. A half sheet was included to inform families about the Amazon Smile program. This also went out into the newsletter. Box Tops are due back Friday, October 13th.

6. **Special Events** - A Costume Rollerskating Party is scheduled for Monday, October 23rd beginning at 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Skate North Incrediroll. The students in attendance will be able to vote on their favorite costumes from different categories. A flyer was sent home. Jess Keeling is looking for prize suggestions. Members suggested gift cards to Barnes & Noble, Half Price Books, Book Fair gift cards, as well as the cotton candy that is given from Skate North Incrediroll.

7. **Book Fair** - The fall book fair is scheduled for November 9th-16th. Classroom previews are scheduled for November 9th-10th. All for Books will be promoted once again. All for Books allows the school to raise additional money, separate from the Book Fair profit. The money raised can be used to buy books from the fair to give away to a worthy cause. At this fair, the All for Books proceeds will be designated for the new ELL teacher, Debora Strong, to choose suitable books for her students that are in need of books at home.

Open Forum for Questions:

None

Meeting Adjournment:

Allicia VerHuel moved. Morgan Halverson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.