



Walker's Grove PTO

Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: **October 7, 2021**

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

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: Melissa Jeszka, Nikki Lien, Erin Kenady, Diana Morquecho, and Veronica Garcia

Principal: Mr. Schafermeyer

Other Attendees: See Meeting Attendance Sign In Sheet

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: *Melissa Jeszka*

- Mentioned that there have been 10 - 12 requests so far for teacher staff allocation. There are requests for dry erase boards, construction paper, and other things that teachers regularly purchase. PTO has started purchasing some of those items.
- PTO has a budget for the media center and has purchased more chairs and they are arriving soon.
- Birthday Book Project: Mr Schafermeyer hands out the book and sings to the birthday kids. The kids are still enjoying receiving their book on their birthday and are so happy that some dance when Mr Schafermeyer sings. 122 books have been handed out. 68 books in August and 54 books in September. There are approximately 450 birthday books left to hand out.

Vice President: *Nikki Lien*

- Nothing to report.

Secretary: *Veronica Garcia*

- Nothing new to report
- Presented September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Motions To Approve: First approval by Erin Kenady and second by Diana Morquecho

Treasurer: *Melissa Jeszka*

- Briefly pointed out PTO's income and expenses up to the month ending on September 30th.
- No one had any questions
- Motions To Approve: First approval by Diana Morquecho and second by Mary Kay Gutrich

Fundraising: *Erin Kenady*

- Mum Sale total \$1,840
- McDonald's McTeacher Night \$1,391 which was a record for Chicagoland. She thanked all the teachers and everyone else who participated. Lots of people came twice.
- Can WOW runs to the end of October. PTO gets \$5.00 per order.
- Read-A-Thon has already brought in \$1,065 Ms Nichols class raised so far \$250 and Ms Sweeny class raised \$245. The teachers will send home a package regarding the Readathon by Friday, October 8th. A video will be shown to the students to get them excited and it explains how it works and the prizes. There is a code in the packet that parents can scan so they can also watch the video. The package has a reading sheet log where the student tracks their minutes they have read. It starts on Tuesday, the classrooms will get a house assigned and the school will be decorated in the Harry Potter theme. There was a question regarding tracking the minutes read by the student either on-line or paper log. They should do both. To get the prizes you need to enter them on-line. To get points for your house, you need to hand in the reading log slip. After the \$20 mark, the student can get in the Fall Festival that has a fun run, trunk or treat, etc. There are about 20 trunks, a fire truck and a police car signed up for the Trunk or Treat. The scare crows are almost all taken. There will be a lot of raffles. Have plenty of sponsors that will cover the cost of \$1,400. Thank you to all of our sponsors. There was a question if the kids will be updated on the house points. Yes, there will be daily updates in the lunchroom. And all the kids are also working together as a school towards the prizes on getting a mascot, ice cream, extra recess, duck taping Mr Schafermeyer, etc.

Family Activities: *Erin Kenady*

- Fall Festival Oct 23rd from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 - Hoping for good weather
 - There will be raffles, will take cash
 - All other activities will need to be purchased in advance
 - Need to go to the table and get your trunk or treat bag, slip for the scarecrow walk and passes for the jump runners.
 - There will be games and it will be fun.
- Father and Son Event
 - Chairperson is Jen Bowen and is also working with Lisa Garbis
 - November 14th from 10:00 - 12:00 pm. It will be a private event.
 - It will be in Urban Air in Naperville
 - Urban Air has go carts, bumper cars, rope courses, a ninja course, trampolines, etc.
 - Mask will be required
 - Need to sign a waiver
 - Urban Air providing socks
 - When date approaches, they will ask for volunteers
- Someone asked if there will be any non-specific gender events. Yes there can be non-specific gender events. There needs to be a volunteer to be the chairperson for next year events. This year all events are already planned.
- There is a father and daughter event. It has been pushed back to May.

Teacher Report: Mary Kay Gutrich

- Teachers really like the detailed PTO emails this year. They are great. Also the Facebook reminders. Easy to find everything on the web page. Happy for the advance notices prior to events and activities. They feel well informed which makes it easier for them to participate.
- They were a little nervous about the McDonald's fundraiser being too close to the readathon but it worked out great.
- Thanked the PTO for the money for supplies and halloween parties.
- Had a question if they could purchase items for the halloween parties and get a refund. Melissa Jeszka answered yes, but then they would pay taxes. Melissa can purchase it for the whole grade and maybe find it at a cheaper price.
- Previous years there was a budget for each classroom. The parent volunteer usually handles that budget. But this year we are just passing on the amount to the teachers.

Administrator Report: Jeff Schafermeyer

- He thanked everyone for the McTeacher Night. It went very well. Spoke to parents that said that they were coming back again that same night. There was one single donation of \$100 and he was super surprised.
- Wanted to thank Tiffany and family and the Nas family and others who weeded, trimmed and other things to the entire front of the school. It was nice to see people taking pride in their school. Ms Kalicki also decorated the planters. The school does have a landscaper but just does the minimum that is required. Because of this, the question arises whether to have a new committee form for the beautification/landscaping of the school.
- He emailed the teachers the video for the readathon.
- Halloween Parade is not on the schedule until we know if it is something we could do. If held it will be on Friday, October 29th at 2:30pm and then a party in their classroom afterwards. Information will be sent to the parents. For costumes, it needs to be easy to put on by themselves in the class and do not need to go to the washroom to change. Parking for parents will be in the back of the school. And parents can stand and spread out around the building. If the weather does not permit, parents will be called and notified that the parade was cancelled. Students will need to wear their masks at all times.
- Shield testing will start next week. The school day is Thursdays 12:00 - 4:00 pm. A company will do all the testing. It will take 6 - 8 minutes. Each student will have their time slot. It is a spit test. The student will be out of the class for 10 - 12 minutes. No student will be forced to do the test even though the parent signed them up. The results of the test are 24 hours once the lab receives it. We don't know yet how the parents will be notified of the results.

Committee Report: Melissa Jeszka

- Box Tops: raised \$376.50
- Coca Cola Give: raised \$12.35 for the quarter
- Amazon Smile: raised \$39.85 for August
- Philanthropy:
 - There will be a Coat Drive. Flyers going out next week. Kicks off on Oct 23rd through Nov 5th. Any size coats will be accepted.
 - Cape Meeting Review is the organization that oversees all of the parents' groups in all 31 schools in the district. There is a meeting every month. At the Sept 24th meeting it was discussed that there is a transportation issue. It is not only locally but also national. There is a process to be a bus driver. You have to be trained for 8 weeks. They talked about the shield testing. Also about social media problems with students and how it is permanent and how you can be held responsible. They spoke about homecoming. They spoke about fundraisers. All the details are on the meeting notes which are posted on-line

New Business: Melissa Jeszka

- No new business

Questions: Open to the floor

- *Does the school mulch? (Parent)*

The district does mulch the school but not sure yearly or every two years.
(There are some more parents that want to volunteer to help with the landscaping. It would be great to have a fundraiser for it. There is \$500 in the budget for Campus Beautification and the PTO can publicize the committee or ask for volunteers.)

Melissa Jeszka thanked everyone for joining the meeting and all the committees for all they have done.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.