

9/12/17

PTO Meeting –

**Members Present:** Deanne O’Hollearn, Renea Barker, Morgan Halverson, Kelly Schulte, Sara Maule, Barbara Remer, Marian Stimson, Angie Ferguson, Anada Onster, Lindsey Robertson, Tara McCune, Meghan Dwyer, Mike Sandberg, V. Jayanhi, Sue Pittman, Jess Keeling, Crissy Pohl, Kalini S., Alicia VerHuel, Lori Waterbeck, Jen Nemmers, Bridget Porto, Siva Gurusamy, Lindsey Robertson, Staci Randall

**Meeting Start:** 6:47pm

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Open positions – binders on hand. Need Wallace Wear, Special Events, Spring Fundraiser, Academic Night, 5<sup>th</sup> grade memory book, Scrip Gift Card Sales. Next year will need a co-president with Renea Barker.

Newsletter will go out once a month. Goal for first is October to go out around end of September. Barbara Remer will be doing this.

**Principal’s Report:**

Thanks for the great turnout. Last year at this building. We’ll be across the street next year. Boards at the front of the building for color combinations. In future meetings we’ll get to see pictures of the process as the building process progresses. Next week DigiKids will go over and do a news reel at the new building. No big issues thus far. Bid out currently for a K-2 playground. There will also be preschool playground and a 3-5 playground. Hoping we will be able to put together enough funds for all three playgrounds. Tentative bids are in for the 3-5 playgrounds. Hoping to get those kids involved in the design process. Will have monthly updates on this going forward. All of preschool will be in this new building, as well, for a total of about 400 students. Discussed indoor gym space.

**Secretary’s Report:**

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Reviewed Annual Report from 2016-2017 school year. Audit has not yet been completed, will be done in a couple of weeks. Fiscal year is July 1-June 30. Opened up for questions. None. Lori Waterbeck moved to approve. Jen Nemmers seconded. Filed as read.

Reviewed Income and Expense Reports for 4/19/17-6/30/17 and 7/1/17-9/11/17. Opened up for questions. None. Renea moved, Sara seconded. Filed as read.

Reviewed 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. We’ll do 2 fundraisers again this year. No author visit planned for this year. Marian moved, Angela seconded. Voted and approved.

### Old Business:

1. Effects of district online registration – we saw a significant decrease in PTO membership this year with the advent of online registration (from \$600 in membership fees to \$177 in membership fees). President set up a table at Jump Start to recruit Kindergarten parents and Meet the Teacher, and this helped build a bit. Normally we have 70-80 names on volunteer list, this year was 27. Usually have 100-120 families pay, this year had 15. There were a few more who signed up before end of school year (June 30). There may be some that we'll get for next year's check. Now have 65 families as of today. If haven't paid fee can send check to school and identify it is for PTO. If no email received from Staci reminding of this meeting it may be because you haven't paid the fee and/or signed up. See Staci if that is the case.

### New Business:

1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers – They love the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration as Sleepy Hollow. Memory Books are awesome.
2. Johnston Community School Foundation – it is a non-profit that funds grants for all buildings with funds from an inheritance. They award about \$25,000 annually. They started some discussion last spring about communicating between them and the PTOs. They welcome donations from us, but we won't be doing that at this time. They would like information about resources available to meet grant request needs. If you know someone who has a connection to their various grant requests you can let Staci know and she will pass that on.
3. Fareway Round Up program – the new Fareway in Johnston is doing a program where you can "round up" your purchase to the next nearest dollar amount in November. The proceeds will go to all elementary PTOs.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Hospitality** – Did back to school gifts for the teachers the day before school started. Also have started delivering Starbucks gift cards for birthday gifts the first week of a teacher's birthday month. Upcoming in fall will be Homecoming treats, Halloween treats, and conference dinners (one catered, one potluck). Cookie Walk will be in December before Winter Break. In spring there will be Valentine's treats, conference dinners again, and Staff Appreciation gifts.
2. **New Families** – They put together gift bags for new families to receive at Meet the Teacher. Left a few extras with the building secretary to hand out to new families.
3. **Theme T-shirts** -- currently have most of the orders in. Would like to vote on the color for each of the grades, as well as if teachers should get same color as their grade or their own. They will have a Johnston Dragon logo, with Wallace Elementary written below. Voted to have black as the teacher t-shirt color. Light purple for K, light gray for 1<sup>st</sup>, gold for 2<sup>nd</sup>, dk purple for 3<sup>rd</sup>, dk gray for 4<sup>th</sup>, and white for 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Fall Fundraiser** – we'll be doing Entertainment books. They've arrived at the school. Will begin this Monday. Will last 2 weeks. Volunteers to help are needed. See Marian or Renea to volunteer.

5. **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Had kickoff meeting tonight. Will be working on sending out directories within the next week. Still missing some from teachers. The coordinators will be following up.

**Open Forum for Questions:**

Friend of Johnston ELP first program of the year is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at the Middle School in the library. Speakers will discuss 10 Things Not to Say to Your Gifted Child.

Box Tops has an app, and they'll be encouraging people to use this more this year. Will add a write up for the newsletter, and add it to the school newsletter. Teachers may add it to their class newsletters, too.

Discussed doing an Amazon Smile push right before Thanksgiving. Morgan Halverson volunteered to add overseeing and marketing for this to her duties.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Renea Barker moved. Kelly Schulte seconded. Adjourn at 7:59pm.