**August PTO Meeting**

**August 15, 2023**

1. Introductions of 23-24 Board Board is now filled with the addition of teacher reps
   1. Emily Drost, President (Year 1 of 2 year term)
   2. Jenna Harris, Co-President (Year 1 of 2 year term)
   3. Becca Winegar, Treasurer (Year 2 of 2 year term)
   4. Nicole Mann, Secretary (Year 2 of 2 year term)
   5. Pam Pekarek, Principal- Jen Anton filled in for Pam at first, Pam joined the meeting later
   6. Teacher Rep 1- Skolout teacher rep, 6th Grade
   7. Teacher Rep 2- Paul Lopez rep, 4th Grade
2. Volunteer Contact List will be distributed after the meeting (email)
3. Grant Requests
   1. Overview of voting procedures PTO amount, $10k for the year. Parents, students, and teachers are allowed to request grants.
   2. Becca will first provide budget info. Board has a vote, parents can provide input.
   3. Grant Budget Review ($5,000/$5,000 remaining)
   4. Grants for vote: rollover grant from last year
      1. Traci Thorstensen - UFLI Teacher Manuals $650
         1. Didn’t vote on this last year, but it was submitted last year. Two of these manuals were purchased for 2nd grade.
         2. Reading intervention k-6. Teachers had questions on phonics with Wonders program, this manual helps the teachers with these questions. Its essentially curriculum for teachers, helps them teach, will be used k-3 and 4th for kids that need to fill in the gaps.
         3. Teachers came in over the summer to train on this, 9 manuals were purchased, Traci is asking for reimbursement.
         4. Paul input- beneficial for 4th grade as well.
         5. VOTE: YES, Unanimously approved.
      2. Paul Lopez - Generation Genius $175: approved last year, but needs to be voted on because it wasn’t paid before July, so it falls to the next school year.
         1. Helps during math, standards based curriculum, both classes, also used during science, videos for the kids so they can have a visual to understand concepts the teachers can’t demonstrate in the classroom. Coincide with the curriculum.
         2. VOTE: Paul cannot vote, Passed unanimously
      3. Dibbles- screening for K-2: $180
         1. This was voted on and passed last year, helps with reading screening, great tool for the teachers.
         2. VOTE: Yes, unanimously passed. Submitted by Traci
4. Principal’s Report

Thank you for the PTO mugs for teachers and yard signs.

- Positive start to the year. Discussed SOAR expectations, teachers discussing PBIS, just started 6th grade ambassadors. Mrs. Bolser and Mrs. Marshall leading student council leadership for 5th and 6th grade (wants them to work closer with PTO). Starting the application process in the next week, team by 9/1.

- Back to school night: Different this year, not a lot of parent participation, so we’re not having it. In two weeks every teacher will send a slideshow or video to all the parents.

- Student enrollment projections = 296 projection, we’re at 292. We’re good with the enrollment number as far as the budget is concerned.

- Wants to have coffee with the Principal. Pam is asking for parent input to get more participation. Topics last year, iready, mtss- academic concerns, etc.

- Becca’s input- maybe need to do some of them on Zoom. Input, possibly record so parents can watch later. Create an invite on FB. Send Pam an email with suggested topics.

- Pam is working on how to reinstate the SCE weekly news page

1. Budget Update
   1. Review of this years budget
   2. Went through the budget worksheet. Left side is the budget. Yellow highlights (some $ is pre-spent which is why the number is higher (starting #).
   3. Real starting budget is $61.2
   4. SCE does 2 fundraisers typically, PTO is worried about not raising enough $ due to lower enrollment. We added Read-a-thon in the Spring (3 fundraisers) (hoping to raise $55k). Money we raise this year is what we can spend next year.
   5. Other misc money makers= $8k
   6. What we’re funding- Building supplies (helps Pam pay for specials teachers, etc), We spend this much for building supplies so we can have 4 specials teachers bc we can’t pay for salaries for EA’s or others.
   7. We had to cut building supplies, back to school grants (kept teachers at $100, cut specialized learning, etc), PTO helps pay for PBIS camp days, PTO pay for $19k for curriculum, $5k for conference meals- teacher appreciation- etc. $8k community events- most sitting in the fall event (Mr. F volunteered) we need help.
   8. If we raise everything, we will start with $70k next year for the budget
   9. Committee budgets
2. Committee Updates
   1. Meet The Teacher - Emily Drost
      1. Post event comments Positive feedback, Scavenger hunt (127 kids completed it)- shorter lines, food truck will donate 20%, front office has yard signs.
      2. We need more communication on timing and the food provided
      3. Directory Coordination
      4. Grade reps of anyone to help for families that opted in for student directory
   2. Kindie Welcome - Meghan Neff
      1. Kindie Shirts kindie shirts, stickers, keychains, 2 kinder meetups- good attendance.
   3. Restaurant Nights - Beth Ploss
      * 1. Wahoo’s next week- August 21st
      1. Upcoming Nights Becca bought thermal printer for stickers
   4. Fun Run - Sarah Burgoyne
      1. This years theme Soaring to Success
      2. Updates on needs 9/15, New platform (email sent next week to set up for your student), more transparent, can be used for read-a thon and Spring Fling. Raising Kanes will donate kids meals (300 total) for all kids who set up a site). Nicole Mann to send sign ups
      3. Upcoming important dates
   5. Teacher Appreciation - Ashlee Franklin

Did cups for the teachers, 21st realtors to provide pizza for the teachers, will do a sign up to stock snacks for the teachers lounge.

* 1. Eagle Eye - Lydia Murray
     1. Program Launching- rebranding of Watchdog Dads, 5 signed up, need more, will need to pass background checks, working on schedule.
     2. Becca and Lydia want to try and have a golf tournament and Dad Night’s out.
     3. Program Needs

1. Needed Committee Chairs
   1. **Fall Event - Most Urgent**
   2. Bingo Night
   3. Field Day
   4. Garden Chair
   5. Spring Fundraiser - Read-a-thon
   6. Spring Fling Event
   7. Spring Fling Auction
   8. Yearbook Support
2. Grade Level Reps
   1. Need 2nd grade rep
   2. Convo about what this role can look like (will table to next week if time is short)
   3. Coordinating Grade Directories

Next meeting, want to discuss successful school communication.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

* August 21 - Restaurant Night - Wahoos
* September 1 - Fun Run Kick-Off
* September 4 - Labor Day, No Schools
* September 6 - Picture Day!
* September 12 - PTO Meeting in PD room

**Conversation Topic for next meeting:** What does successful school communication look like?