

Forest Dale Elementary All Parent PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Pam Fallowfield, Shannon Pongratz, Erin Zoch, Monica Craig, Julie Cahill, Jenny Swain, Rachel Cera, Erin Corwin, Angie Provo, Jenna Rouse, Jessica Pinyerd, S. Sibbala, Mary Michael Gulden, Emily Nadeau, Anne Ward, Joy Boake, Joel Schaafsma, Casey Dick, Heather Hill and Lesley Pierce.

- Welcome
- Approval of May Minutes -Erin Corwin made a motion to approve the May minutes. Rachel Cera seconded the motion. All were in favor and non opposed.
- “State of Forest Dale” (Shannon Pongratz) Sara Inskeep was not feeling well and was absent. PALS district meeting report - Dr. Beresford talked about the referendum. Link can be found on the school website. It is being presented to the community for the safety of schools. At the next board meeting, school start and end times will be discussed and are potentially changing for 2020-2021. With board approval, Junior High and HS will start at 8:45 a.m.. Elementary would start at 8:00 a.m. Videos about why it is beneficial can be found on website. FDE now has safety entrance (double doors). Lots being done to keep our kids/school safe.
- Boosterthon (Rachel Cera & Monica Craig)- FDE profited \$37K, well over goal. Kids who couldn't donate could still register. Anyone who registered got a prize even if a donation wasn't made. We had control of the prizes this year and we registered kids who brought spare change on their own whose parents couldn't donate. Also, if teachers brought up specific situations, we had control over prizes and could be sensitive toward different situations. Many of the prizes were class surprises and monetary amounts weren't publicly announced.
- PTO Budget 2019-2020 (Julie Cahill) - \$10K budgeted for big school project this year. Past projects include buddy benches, playground shades and the walking path. One idea for the school project is two gaga pits. A motion was made to approve the budget by Jenna Rouse. Second made by Jessica. All in favor, non opposed.
- District Updates-<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/about/school-safety-referendum>
- Committee Reports/Volunteer Opportunities

Falcon Fest (Erin Corwin)-This friday, October 25th 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. Volunteers still needed to fill some game spots. Donations are still needed for prizes (cake walk, etc.) Registration spots still open. 420 registered so far. All kids who are playing can register for free tickets prior to the event. Tickets can be bought at the door \$5 per person on Friday. Raffle information - student centered prizes. Cash only for raffle items which include pug party with Mrs. Inskeep's pugs, popcorn party, popsicle party, fire alarm pull.

Silent Auction (Mary Michael Gulden) Just for parents. Completely different this year. New silent auction items this year. Four night stay in Telluride plus two days of golf or

two days of lift tickets. Looking for volunteers to help hand out flyers (even just 10). Feb. 29th is the event, "Leap Into the Future". Past FDE items like yearbooks, pictures. Full dinner, bourbon tasting, wine tasting (free offerings at the beginning). We are still looking for sponsors for the Silent Auction. Mary Michael is amazing and it on top of things!!

Volunteer Opportunities (media center, art room, general volunteer help) New volunteer coordinator handles all sign up genius events. One point person. We have 300 on this list of PTO volunteers.

Book Fair- special and big event that the school puts on. All for Books is next week October 28th through November 1st. Friday kids will bring home a baggie that the following week any loose change will be collected. Loose change will go to kids in our school system who can't afford to buy a book. Last year we helped twenty kids. Book fair November 11th through the 15th in LGI room. Kids will be able to look at the books and purchase the books during the school day. They can put money in an online account, too (e-wallet account). New theme - Arctic Adventure. There is a 3-d igloo where we have the big bulletin board. All the money we make from the book fair goes back to Mrs. Duffy in the library. She gives money to the teachers for books and also buys new books for the library.

Clubs- This year we will have spring clubs only. They'll be put on by the teachers after school. Details will be distributed in an e-mail closer to the time.

Breakfast with a Buddy- Jessica and Jenna coordinating this event (splitting kids into two groups, two different days).

The website includes links to all of school volunteer opportunities.

October 26th CCS Ghost & Goblins run at the high school. 2K. All are welcome and encouraged to dress up.

Dine Out Nights are going really well! Next month is Chipotle. Erin has already booked all of the Dine Out Nights for the year.

Harvest party volunteer opportunities - look in Mrs. Inskeep's Friday e-mail for sign up details. Kindergarten parties are an hour earlier. The rest are at the same later time.

Remind App-Opt in to get reminders.

Box Tops: Scan receipts or cut tops.

If you shop at Kroger, make sure you link to FDE. Only 135 households are linked to our school.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Falcon Fest (10/25)

Ghost and Goblins Run/Walk (10/26) <https://carmelghostrun.com/>

Harvest Parties (10/31)

Book Fair (11/11-11/15)

Literacy Night and Art Show (11/12)

Breakfast with a Buddy (11/14&15)

Dine out Nights (11/17 Chipotle) (12/TBD JoElla's Chicken)