

Forest Dale Elementary All Parent PTO Meeting Minutes

Coffee with the Principal

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Attendees: Pam Fallowfield, Erin Zoch, Monica Craig, Jenny Swain, Rachel Cera, Erin Corwin, Jessica Pinyerd, Mary Michael Gulden, Joel Schaafsma, Lisa McCoy, Sarah Kim, Jessica Pinyerd, Gina Smolar, Kim Broad, Casey Dick, Becky Kucharski, Leah Barnhart, Michele Kirby, Alisha Pankiw and Mandi Davidson.

- Welcome
- Approval of November Minutes -Erin Corwin made a motion to approve the November minutes. Erin Zoch seconded the motion. All were in favor and non opposed.
- “State of Forest Dale” (Sara Inskeep)- Volunteering Opportunities
 - Field Trips & Media Center: These opportunities come out in Friday Facts e-mails. Background check needs to be on file first in order for parents to volunteer. Last Friday’s e-mail included Vday party Feb 14 and Science Night Feb 6 (both one time volunteer opportunities). Media and Art Room always need volunteers and ongoing help. Less working with kids – rather checking in books, separating artwork, hanging it in hallways. Mrs. Duffy in the Media Center is always in need of lots of help.
 - New event Feb 25th-”Supporting the Whole Child” program hosted by MSWs Mrs. Bassett and Ms . Niehans. Variety of topics. Intended for parents only. Childcare will be provided. FDE realizes parents would like more social / emotional side of learning opportunities for our kids.
 - Gaga pit: Huge hit for school and neighborhood. Another purchase – PTO purchased additional radios for us. Important for lock down, emergency situations, sick children in hallways. 12 new radios coming.
 - Suggested time change in school day: Feedback was collected from parents over the last two years through online surveys. Teachers and administrators submitted feedback too. Bus drivers highly opposing this because of bus driver transportation concerns. Currently, we have two buses on double routes. Dr. Beresford isn’t ready to submit a recommendation to the school board. Revisiting transportation issues related to extended hours proposed. Dr. Beresford is slow to make this decision given the magnitude of all of the people it will impact. The decision will likely be made soon because of all of the things it impacts (daycare, sports, after school care). Dr. Beresford gives trust and autonomy to principal/teachers to use their time the way that works best for the class (more recess or longer recesses when needed for younger and older grades).
 - Bus Driver Shortage: Free training for interested new bus drivers. Flexible hours. Very good pay compared to the hours required. Parents will get a text and/or

e-mail each day if your bus is running a different or delayed route. Overall we have a bus driver shortage. So illnesses affect us directly. If kids want to make cards for a sick bus driver you can bring them to the school and school will get to them. If a change is made, the change will go into effect next year.

- Silent Auction (Mary Michael Gulden))- Venue change from brew pub to Woodland Country Club. Drinks, appetizers, online bidding portal. Changing venue. Bigger event, more people, full buffet dinner, bourbon tasting at the beginning of the night from Horse Soldier Bourbon. Come, get tickets, it will be lots of fun.
 - Awesome Silent Auction items like trip to Telluride, Colorado and Taylor made golf clubs. If you know someone that has Colts, Fuels season tickets, etc. and they would like to donate a set for one game, those are hugely popular and great items for us.
 - Sponsorship Opportunities-benefits of different levels of sponsorships: 500 level you get to distribute marketing materials in our swag bag. PTO partner – you can just donate if you want to help.
 - Theme: “Leap into the New Year” theme for Silent Auction– February 29th- anyone know FDE alumni who might have memorabilia pictures, photos for decorations at the event? E-mail Mary Michael.
- Dine Out Nights – \$1,470 raised first semester for Dine Out Nights so far. Next one is Arni’s tonight. February is Noble Romans (116th and Allisonville). March – Tried and True. April – Spaghetti Warehouse. Possible Dunkin Donuts for President’s Day. Erin will send survey monkey to school families to find out what types of places people would support.

Our PTO VPs are looking to fill positions for next year. If interested, speak up.

Next All parent PTO meeting is May 20.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

All School Ice Skating Party (1/20)

Dine out Nights (Noble Romans 2/10)

Science Night (2/6)

Valentine’s party (2/14)

Silent Auction (2/29)