

# November Minutes 2/10/2021

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FEBRUARY 10, 2021 / 6:00 PM / GOOGLE MEET

## ATTENDEES

Present on Google Meets: Mr. Teppner, Amanda Dougherty, Nicole Waddell, Amanda Messer, Lisa Dadas, Stephanie Vega, Lindsey Hough, Morgan Wachholz

### Principal's Report (Mr Teppner):

- The School Board held their monthly meeting at Powers last week. They wanted to know how the building was working after its 1st year. The versatility of the building design has allowed Powers staff to accommodate social distancing and use spaces differently than originally intended.
- Met with the Leadership Team and discussed Field Day. Decided to scale it down to smaller classroom based activities to maintain Covid guidelines. Looking into scavenger hunt type activities for eCampus classes.
- Right to Read Week - We can't safely do the annual Book Exchange but will still have other activities. There's a meeting this coming week to make plans.
- Family First night moved from Wednesday, March 17th to Thursday, March 18th.
- Thanks to the PTO for all they do. Staff feels appreciated.

### President (Nicole Waddell):

- Applied for the American Girl Doll I'm waiting to see if we qualify
- Applying for Ring Doorbell, and received a \$50 digital gift card from chatbooks for possible membership drive raffle prizes. Would we be able to offer a "Skip the Carline" incentive?
  - Can't do a "Skip the Carline" incentive. Ongoing issues with parents trying to skip the carline on a daily basis.

- Walmart & Aldi offer grants is there anything we could use these for if so I'll apply.
  - Walmart grants are up to \$5000 each and Aldi are up to \$3000 but need to have an outline for what the money will be put towards.
  - Maybe use the Walmart grant towards the Recess Bags.
- Renee from Ken Ganley in Norwalk reached out asking if she would be able to collaborate with us for the dealership's "acts of kindness" campaign. Any ideas?
  - Possibly to purchase a book for every student during Right to Read Week?
- Art Show?
  - The Art Show will likely be on hold this year.

#### Vice President (Open):

#### Secretary (Open):

- Brittany Resigned because she is unable to attend the meetings because of a scheduling conflict. Would anyone be willing to step in for the remaining 3 meetings?
  - Lindsey Hough has volunteered to step into the Secretary role for the remainder of the school year. Thank you Lindsey!!!

#### Treasurer (Amanda Dougherty):

- Still on track this year.

#### Apparel Sale (Amanda Dougherty):

- Incentives arrived. Sent out a google form to sellers parents for student/homeroom info so we can distribute.
  - Will distribute to Powers before next supply pickup on 3/1/21.
- As coordinator, we also earned a prize for selling 400+ items, a 3rd gen Apple Watch. All 3 PTO's have decided we'll raffle it off somehow, perhaps attached to membership drives. Still figuring that out.

#### Bake Sale (Lisa Phillips):

- All 35 kits sold totaling \$700 to the PTO

- Pick up for kits are 2/10-2/12
  - Thank you so much to Lisa for running this event!

#### **Book Fair (Nicole Waddell):**

- I have the marking materials. We should be on track once we have a date for field day.
- We have about \$4000 from past book fairs. We are going to use that to give each homeroom teacher a \$50 credit to purchase books for their classroom library. The remaining money is going to the library for new books.
  - Discussed reasonable options for practicing social distancing during a typical book fair and decided that it just makes more sense to do a virtual fair this year. Seek teacher input to put together a "summer reading" list to help parents choose appropriate reading level books for their kids to read over the summer.

#### **Community Service (Kim DiFilippo):**

- "Love our Community" PTO wide community support event in February.
- Valentines were made in school (oncampus) or dropped off (ecampus) and will be distributed this Friday.
  - Thank you to Kim and Katie for all your hard work!

#### **Field Day (Danielle Lowery):**

- Typically in May waiting on advisement from school
  - As discussed in the Principal's Report, field day will be scaled back to classroom based activities. Trying to come up with some scavenger hunt type activities for eCampus classes. Details to follow.

#### **Fundraiser (Darcie Parsons):**

- Wizards date for next year
  - No update at this time.
- Help a Thon in April
  - Will discuss in more detail next month.

### Hospitality (Nicole Waddell):

- Next conference date is tomorrow 2/11 the PTO is providing pizza from Olde Town.. **Thank you to all the parents who donated snacks and drinks!**
  - Conference dinner went well. Staff had tons of goodies to do along with their pizza from Olde Town.

### Marcos (Amanda Dougherty): Second Wednesday of the month. (02/10, 03/10, 04/14, 05/12)

- Flyers are sent via email to distribute and will be posted to social media. The winning class gets a coupon for free cheesy bread.
- Mrs. Littletons class won for January 2021

### Membership (Amanda Dougherty):

- Please join if you have not. CheddarUp, check/cash/paper forms.
- To be a voting member you must have paid your dues. Contact Amanda if you need to check your status.

### Right to Read (Morgan Wachholz):

- Typically the first week of March, waiting on advisement from school.
  - As stated in the principals report, there will be no book exchange. There's just not a good way to do it safely.
  - Perhaps use a grant or Ganley to provide a book for each student.
  - Staff and Morgan will meet on Tuesday 2/16/21 to iron out all the details for this week.

### Social Events (Stephanie Vega):

- Spring Break Bags, or Indoor recess bags for all students.
- Some teachers helped provide input on what they would like to see in the bags.
  - Look into using Walmart Grant to provide supplies for recess bags.

### Teacher Appreciation (Kimi Allen):

- 5/3-5/7
- We are responsible for the bus garage also this year

- Each grade level (K-3) had its own kitchen area for lunch to be set up. Prek is in another section of the building so we'll have to set up for them elsewhere.

Meeting ended at 6:53 pm

Next Meeting 3/10