

October 19, 2022 / 6:30pm

In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Principal- Brian Kalkreuth, Teacher- Laura Tiffany, Parents- Samantha Saren, Heather Treptow, Hillary Sirois, Danielle Lavalley, Robin Foley, Caroline Blakemore

Introductions

The board as well as the parents/teachers introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Kalkreuth stated that he was very impressed with the success of the Trunk or Treat, Fall Fest, and Book Fair.
- District Network Outage: getting better, student devices will be back soon, he appreciates everyone's flexibility
- Winter Concerts will be in the evenings in order to allow for working parents to more easily attend. The concerts will also be split up into 2 nights (K-2 and 3-4). Heather suggested that high school and middle school events be taken into consideration when making evening plans.
- Upcoming dates
 - 10/27- Grade 2- Audobon Society
 - 10/31- Grade 2- Officer Hull- Halloween Safety
 - 11/4- Picture Retakes
 - 11/8- NO SCHOOL (PD Day for Teachers)/ Election Day
 - 11/16- PTA Meeting
 - 11/21- Parent Conferences and Half Day for Students
 - 11/22- Parent Conferences and NO SCHOOL for Students
 - 11/23-11/25- Thanksgiving Break/ NO SCHOOL for Students

Teacher Input

- Miss Tiffany discussed Family University. They will have presentations on topics relevant to parents including an introduction to restorative practices, social media/ internet, understanding standards-based Report Cards, and more. Meetings will generally be monthly at 6:00 at the High School beginning November 15th.

Treasurer's Report

- Sarah went over the Profits and Losses sheet. Profits include Back to School night sales, Book Fair, Membership Dues, Cookbook and Unfundraiser. Expenses include Back to School night giveaways, Elf Shelf, Fall Fest, Staff Reimbursement, 4th grade popcorn, T-shirts (we bought some for new students and also for students to purchase if they have lost theirs), and Cash box money.
- We currently have 57 members.
- Sarah reviewed the budget. Danielle made a motion to vote on the budget, Jen seconded it and all PTA members voted to pass the budget.

Fundraiser's Report

- Apparel Sale: \$3107 in apparel purchased, \$910 profit so far. October 26th is the shipping date.
- Pies: \$3,025.25 profit! 34 donation pies, 60 participants, 11/10 is the delivery date and everyone must pick up that day 3:30-6:00 as we do not have freezer storage for them.
- Charleston Wrap (Danielle Lavalley)- sold \$10,515 in merchandise. Profit is over \$4000! "Instant" prizes went out last week and tiered prizes will be handed out this week. The sale continues online until 12/2 and we continue getting credit but purchases no longer count towards earning prizes.
- Square 1 Art (Heather Treptow)- Information goes out next week and will be emailed, order online and ship to your house, order early to avoid shipping delays like last year.
- Book Fair- Due to the internet issues we were unable to get a booster to help with the credit card issues and we had a lot of freezing transactions during Fall Fest. However, a lot of people paid with cash, credit card and eWallet so the lines were not too bad. Due to internet issues, announcements were not able to be emailed out. If you are not on the Facebook group for Lillie B, please consider joining as that was our only way to communicate during these issues.
 - Suggestions were made such as starting a day earlier. This requires more volunteers. One parent asked why students are allowed to shop on their own during the school day and if we shouldn't limit it to just Fall Fest. If your child is having a hard time watching other students leave to go buy books after your child already bought books at Fall Fest, consider having him/her choose which they would prefer to do, or make a wish list at Fall Fest and have him/her purchase the following week, or put books on hold. Not all students are able to go to Fall Fest and it will continue being offered during the week.

Old Business

- Fall Fest- We had 20 trunks! Thank you notes for the custodians and police officer are forthcoming. It is difficult to get volunteers for this event. Make sure your paperwork for volunteering is done early in the school year so you can help!

Upcoming Events/New Business

- Directory: Parents discussed the need for class directories so that play dates and birthday parties can be planned without involving teachers. We discussed the options and decided that we would ask Room Parents to create Google Docs.
- Holiday Gift Collection: We discussed our donation options which included Safe Futures for moms and children escaping domestic violence and DCF's Christmas party. We will do research and make a decision.
- Elf Shelf: Date is 12/9, with set up being on 12/8. We need many volunteers especially elves to make this a success. We discussed having the 4th graders who are signed up to be elves do their shopping during the day Friday so they can fully devote their time to being an elf. It was suggested that we post a map so that attendees know where to go. We plan to have items pre-wrapped and to limit the number of purchases to 8 each in order to help everything run more smoothly. Due to increases in prices, gifts will be \$3 each. We will also have baskets for a raffle and the cafeteria will have activities for students to do.
- Yearbook: This is a lot of work for just one person so we are looking to have a committee to help. Please contact us if interested.

Next Meeting

November 16th at 6:30pm, the Library at Lillie B. Haynes