

## Forest Dale Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

All Parent Meeting

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1. **Call to Order/Welcome -Lizzie Evans:** A FDE All Parent PTO meeting was held on 1/24/2023 at the school in the media center. Attendees included Shannon Bassett, Angelica Niehans, Lizzie Evans, Michele Kirby, Julie Cahill, Rachel Freitas, Jessica Pinyerd, Lesley Pierce, Hannah Brooks, Heather Morrison, Valerie Goodmin, Becky White, Samantha Dietz
  - i. **All parents Mtg minutes found online-motion to approve, second, all in favor**
2. **Special Guests -Shannon Bassett, Angelica Niehans**
  - a. School Social Workers and Counselors.
  - b. Angela helps 1&2 and Shannon help 3-5
  - c. They do individual and small group work with the kids as well as once a week classroom visits. The classroom lessons follow peace of mind curriculum. Discuss conflict resolution and regulating emotions. Being in classrooms and helping provide the kids tools helps lessen the individual referrals.  
Ex of something taught to the kids- Think test -Is it true, is it helpful, is it necessary, is it kind?
  - d. Bunny Group each week on Fridays which serves as animal therapy in the classroom. Partner with a farm in Kokomo who provide the bunny.
  - e. They link parents to resources.
  - f. They help coordinate Friday backpacks. Partnered with Merciful Help for this. Provides kids in need with backpack with food for the weekend
  - g. Different than the St. Vincent program. They can check in with the kids a lot easier.
  - h. Laura with St. Vincent is on site 3 days a week and currently sees around 25 FDE kids. The hope is she will be at the school 5 days a week next year.
3. **October 2022 APM minutes-Approved**
4. **Upcoming Events**
  - a. **2/8- Science Fair- present during school. Winner goes to district competition. PTO is giving trophies for winners**
  - b. **2/10- Valentine's Parties- Sign up genius goes out in email on Friday.Samantha Dietz can use some empty rectangle klenex boxes-12 needed. Reach out to her and/or email if you have some to donate [fdpto@gmail.com](mailto:fdpto@gmail.com) .**
  - c. **2/13-17- Book Fair-**
    - i. **All for books-Scholastics national program. This is given to counselors to help kids that need it to shop at the book fair. Helped 42 kids in 2022.**
    - ii. **Preview books on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**
    - iii. **Parents shop at book fair on 2/15(Literary night) and 2/17**
    - iv. **It is bigger this year.**
    - v. **There is sales tax collected this year. Big change. Prepare volunteers**

- d. **2/15-17-VIP Breakfast-7-7:30a- Name change from Breakfast with a buddy. Parents can shop for books with their kids at this event**
- e. **3/2-Science Night- More info to come on this**
  - 3/4 – Parent Social -6-10p at Woodland**
    - i. **Tickets live Wednesday 2/1 for \$50 a person**
    - ii. **Can purchase tickets for staff**
    - iii. **Close to \$5000 in sponsorship so far**
    - iv. **Donations for classroom baskets to be received from Feb 13-24th**
    - v. **Boots and Bling is the theme-Wear your cowboy boots and denim**
    - vi. **There will be dinner, auction, line dancing, diamond pull, signature drinks**

**5. Funding- Lizzie Evans**

- a. PTO purchased a Book Vending Machine. Coming January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - i. Mrs Arnold will help with stocking it with books.
  - ii. Purpose is to provide each child in the school a book for their birthday throughout the year. They will receive a birthday token to put in the machine and select a book of their choice
  - iii. Books are not for purchase in the vending machine
  - iv. Will put together a committee of 1 to 2 people to manage the machine with Mrs. Arnolds input
- b. PTO sponsoring visiting Author, Stacy McNulty will be coming on February 28th
- c. Spirit Wear- PTO gifted all staff one of the new shirts for the holidays.

**6. 2023-2024- PTO Committee Member Call Out!**