Columbia River PTO Meeting

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PTO Meeting minutes 10/4/2023

Attendees: Pete Johnson, Holly Woolf, Angela Slack, Sarah Howard, Robin Hay, Lana Siemon, Nancy Torres, Teresa Hernandez, David Cohoe (for Thereas Fenn), Alexa Cripe, Sandra Guzman, Grace Miller, Garion Nelson, Zoom attendees: Kristin Zander, Melissa Correra, Joanna Resendez

1. **Welcome**: Pete Johnson- welcome everyone to the new school year. Looking forward to getting more parent involvement and expanding our PTO members and volunteers.
    a. Elections of PTO officers approved from school open house – all attendees approved of the following officers: President: Pete Johnson, Vice President: Holly Woolf, Sarah Howard: Treasure, Angela Slack: Secretary
    b. Planning for PTO events for the year ahead.
        i. **Pumpkins of Parade October 23-27** voting - pumpkins to be decorated as a character from a book by students. Must be turned in by **October 19th!** Students then vote on best pumpkin by grade level. 30 pumpkins donated by Pasco Yokes for student who want to participate but need a pumpkin. No Carving of pumpkins please. Participants pumpkins to be displayed at Trunk or Treat and then taken home. Pete Johnson to pick up pumpkins from Yokes on October 11 and deliver to school.
        ii. **BOO Grams October 12-23**- Spider suckers this year! $1.00 each. Flyer to be sent home with students, 4 boo grams per page. Anyone cand purchase and send a boo gram. Cash only please. Supplies for 300 BOO grams have been purchased. Holly distributed to volunteers to be assembled please return to Holly as soon as possible. Students will be bringing home a sheet of blank grams on October 12th. Completed forms returned to your student's teacher no later than October 23.
        iii. **Candy Drive** – Class competition to collect the most candy! Candy supplies the cars participating in truck or treat.
        iv. **Truck or Treat- ATP**/teachers Encourage more parents/teachers to participate in decorating cars for trunk or treat. Possible winner for best decorated vehicle-gift card for local business? Garion (parent) to discuss with local business of possible donating a round of golf to winner. Will be in contact with Holly if able. Give every person a ticket to vote for best vehicle/place voting jars at each car/tickets then counted at end of event. More organization with cars and directing traffic- 2 volunteers for 5-5:30 for cars to set up. Vehicles must park in spots with an X. Candy delivers 3-4 people-refill candy that is handed out each car. Coffee/hot coco/cider truck again this year.
        v. **Fall Festival-** can we hurry and put this event together? Do Fall Festival along with trunk or treat event? Open discussion. Plan event for next school year September/October 2024- Parent Kristin Zander Volunteered to discuss how These 2 events can be put on together. More planning and time needed. Will discuss more in the spring for Fall event next school year.
        vi. **Krew Holiday Cottage** – December 11-15 formally known as Penguin patch. PTO to purchase items to sell this year to students so all profits stay and go back to PTO and students. Will discuss more in detail at next meeting.
2. **Principal Report**: Mrs. Hay
    a. **School Store**- update 75% of student participation! Amazing job Kestrel's. Outstanding generosity and thank you families.
        i. As of 10/4/2023 $1,380.67 raised in the first week. $1,927.37 items purchased. $11,785.00 gift cards donated to Columbia River Elementary teacher! PTO savings account is where School store funds go and a distributed for school field trips, busses, etc.
        ii. Class DoJo and school webpage – working on better use of both sites by making links, events, and calendars more user friendly and easier to find.
3. **ATP Update**-Nancy Torres & Teresa Hernandez- Calendar for the year of ATP and PTO events. Would like to put out a CRE school calendar of events out to families. This may help parents look ahead and be able to volunteer with better notice of upcoming events. Dates for Krew's Holiday cottage December 11-15.
    a. Signup genius for teacher volunteers for Trunk or Treat

4. **Officer's Report**-transfer of treasure duties from Holly to Sarah
    a. Pete- Open question about PTO meetings dates and time. Looking for more parent involvement this year. Staying with the 6:00pm meeting times and zoom options for parents and families. Class DoJo to communicate with parents about events. PTO can post events and answer questions on Class DoJo
    b. Holly-PTO Squad shirts available for purchase. $25.00 each contact Holly for link and more details. Tressure paperwork transfer to Sarah Howard.
    c. Sarah-will get on PTO accounts and take over duties from Holly. Remove Sandra Guzman from PTO bank accounts Opening balance as of October 4th
        i. Checking: 4,064.75 Savings: $323.85
    d. Angela-review of open house and elections of new officers.
5. Questions:
    a. Parent question about the 5 minutes taken from breakfast in the mornings. Concerns with younger students not having enough time to make decision about what to eat and with less time to eat. Mrs. Hay- District changed time for all elementary school from 20 minutes down to 15 minutes. Students now have before school drop off, breakfast and playground routines better. Students can get through breakfast lines faster and a student is never rushed. If a student is late to breakfast, they are offered a cereal bar and can take that to class if needed. Mrs. Hay will attend an all-principal meeting soon and will discuss concerns regarding this.
    b. Parent question-asking for more detail funding reports at PTO meetings. PTO is working on making this all more accessible.
6. Future events of 2023-2024!
    a. Krew's Holiday Cottage- "aka penguin patch" Items, budget, volunteers, sign ups, date?
7. Next Meeting: Thursday November 2nd @ 6:00pm
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm