

Pioneer Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Christy Gensburg - President Leesa Jones - Vice President Erin Good - Secretary Corina Abbatoye - Treasurer

Meeting : Tuesday October 11, 2022, 6:30 pm Pioneer Cafeteria

Attendance : Christy Gensburg, Corina Abbatoye, Beth Ulvestad, Breanne Ternes, Jen Schmaltz, Mr. Jeske, Zanna Campbell, Mitch Stiegel and Erin Good.

Meeting was called to order. Attendance was taken. Erin gave the summary of last meeting minutes for the secretary report. Christy moved to approve the minutes with the correction of the amount owed on the playground changed from \$8,000 to \$11,000 remaining. Corina seconded. Minutes approved.

Corina gave the treasurer's report, see attached report. The raffle ticket fundraiser was successful and the highest profit of all raffles in the past 4 years. We had a total income of \$7730. After all expenses are paid we will have a profit of \$6040. Beth Ulvestad reported that the library will not need to ask for PTO to pay for library fees this year. The district has wiped all fees and every student has a zero balance. Christy moved to accept the treasurer's report, Beth seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

Mr. Jeske gave his report and announcements. Pioneer was very happy with the raffle ticket fundraiser. He reported that positive behaviors are increasing and being noticed. In September there were 369 red paws awarded for positive behaviors. Only 4 students did not earn participation in the pawcebration. A total of 32,210 white paws were earned. The school had a 14:1 ratio of positive:negative behaviors in September! The teachers had a strong participation in the teacher wellness program that focused on the most steps for the month of September. The Panther Pride Board is new and winners are posted in the cafeteria. October's focus for a red paw is safety on the playground. There will be a lot of pink worn throughout October for breast cancer awareness and Ms. Stacy shared at an assembly that she is cancer free!! Pioneer will get a school experience thanks to the same sponsor as last year, with Gateway to Science coming 10/28/22. They are bringing their Spooktacular Science exhibits. Grades K-2 will be from 1:00-2:00 and grades 3-5 will be 2:00-3:00. As of now no volunteers are needed. PTO will be popping popcorn that morning at 8:30. October's Pawcebration will be Bingo on 10/31/22. Art Club and Lego Club both started last week and had a great reception. There is a wait list for both clubs as they are capped at 50 students each. In order to expand, help would be needed. Pioneer is currently short on substitute teacher so Mr. Jeske has been subbing in a few rooms. The focus for November will be gratitude. The school will be participating in a gratitude/white out walk. Each grade will have a different color shirt with one word that they choose to focus on for the month of November. There will be an assembly and then students will take a bus to go on the walk. Parent volunteers will be needed to meet at a place to serve snacks before students return to school. The date is yet to be determined, hoping to be finalized 10/12. Students are starting a gratitude journal. And Mr. Jeske is hoping to take 4th and 5th grade students to make

a donation to the cancer center. Conferences are coming up, a reminder to ask about the small stuff, everything is important!

Old Business - Raffle tickets were discussed again. A total of 783 tickets were sold. Penny wars was discussed for the next fundraiser. We are still waiting on a date for November. No fundraising can take place during the United Way's fundraiser, which may push Penny Wars back to near Thanksgiving.

New Business - Meals for conferences. It was decided that Monday will be tacos in a bag, coordinated by Corina Abbatoye. Thursday will be sandwiches from 3B Meats, coordinated by Bre Ternes. Chips and cookies will be purchased from Sam's Club to complete Thursday's meal.

Open - Jen Schmaltz reached out to Butterbraids inquiring about a possible fundraiser. She even brought samples for everyone to try! It was talked about doing possibly sometime February-April, closer to Easter but still cold enough for the frozen pastries. Mr. Jeske asked to table the discussion until the next meeting or December's meeting. Thank you for getting the ball rolling and checking into the fundraiser, Jen!

Popcorn popping will be Friday 10/28, 8:30 in the teacher's lounge. Everyone is welcome to come help pop popcorn for that day's snack!

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned.