

Pioneer Elementary PTO  
Meeting: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 6:30pm – via Zoom

Members in attendance: Tricia Zinke, Christy Gensburg, Leesa Jones, Beth Ulvestad and James Jeske

Tricia motioned to accept minutes from last meeting, Leesa seconds

Leesa shares financial report:

Teachers received stipends, 8 of which have yet to be cashed. We still have not received the fundraiser check (which should be just shy of \$3,000). Currently we have \$6,651.44 in the account.

Tricia motions to accept Treasurer's report, Beth seconds.

### Principal's Report:

- We should expect to put about \$4,000 to \$5,000 towards playground. Mr. Jeske will ask them when they want the payment and will get back to us.
- Deb has paid the bill for the movie license and we will pay back half.
- A few cases of faculty and students out due to Covid. One positive experience was a classroom that had managed perfectly so that no others had to be pulled do to close contact. The school has been diligent in wearing masks, washing hands and using hand sanitizer.
- The school is now working with West Central Human Services. They will come in as support/assist for students and families for various therapy needs. They will not have private information until the parents give the okay for them and students to be involved. Staff will be trained soon with this information and WCHS should be starting next Tuesday.  
The school is doing its best in doing more than just worrying about covid.
- One thing to be mindful of is Mrs. Schneider and her son. He has major medical needs and she is out taking care of him. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- We need to reach out to distant learners to let them know they are still a part of our Pioneer family. Other schools have seen this need to.

### Tricia:

- Pioneer family is doing great! Kids are feeling safe and nurtured.
- What happens with teachers out? Specialists and aids have been moving in to help. The staff is doing a lot and could use appreciation. Possibly a video? Mr. Jeske will see if Danielle could help with that.
- Turkeys for Thanksgiving? Working on getting a whole meal to give out- 1/classroom. Still communicating with resources for that. If the school can only procure the turkey then PTO can help with the rest-- possibly a food drive.
- Fundraiser was not a flop but we will not go that route again. Some people have not received their re-occurring orders. What to do with leftover coupon books (roughly 13)? Might give them with out with turkey dinners.
- What can the PTO do to help out? Do something right before Thanksgiving? Mr. Jeske mentioned possibly helping out with an upcoming Paw Celebration and will talk with those in charge and get back to us.
- Are the students using their Chromebooks in school every day? Yes, so that if we go distance, they will be more familiar with the system and expectations.

Leesa's Dad has a neighbor who is retiring from the Santa business and has lots of candy canes. Could the school use some? Yes!

Next PTO will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned.