

PTO Meeting 9/8/20

Attendance: Tricia Zinke, Christy Gensburg, Leesa Jones, Jim Jeske, Beth Ulvestad
Welcome and Roll Call by Tricia

Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes summarized from last meeting of April 14, 2020.
Accepted minutes: Leesa motions, Christy seconds, motion approved
- Treasurer: Everything has been audited.
 - Ending balance last school year: 8,909.46.
 - Already spent this year: masks \$1592, “Welcome” letters \$100 and Bagels \$83.29.
 - Deposit from Cashwise/Lil’Dukes \$134.79.
 - Current balance: 7268.96 Tricia motions to accept, Beth seconds- motion carried

Principal

- Continue to hold monthly Paw celebrations and will inform parents by email requirements and procedures.
- Couldn’t hold flag raising ceremony first day of school. but will officially hold ceremony when district goes into the green.
- Hybrid:
 - A days have 132 students (13 of them distant) and B days have 151 (25 of them distant).
 - District would like to see schools at half population- we are a bit under that. Some grade levels we can add but some would be challenging. Most of the rooms are prepared for 6 ft. distancing. Will look at capacity for each room. Introducing more students to meet goal will be looked at class by class.
- Breakfast in classrooms going smoothly and has had a great response from students and teachers.
- New staff fitting in well and adjusting.
- Masks: same rules at all BPS schools. If you can’t ensure social distancing, masks need to be worn. Different family rules and different understandings have caused misinformation. Hopefully ease use as rules made clear.
- Parent/teacher conference dates October 19th and 20th (Monday and Tuesday)
- Free meal grant should roll over in following years since the district has been given a grant for all BPS students. We are getting meal money per child whether they take it or not.
- Payment on playground: Lenders likely to be more lenient this year, just average out until the payment is full but about \$13,000. Might be able to get some money allocated from district. First of its kind and we have had lots of interest from the community.

New Business:

- Invite more people you know onto the Facebook PTO page.
- Want to get feedback on what are the expectations of PTO.
- Doughnuts for Dads & Muffins for Moms. Can we implement these when area is green? Decided to put on hold for a while. Mr. Jeske will talk to Title team for potential dates.
- Should vote on expenses: t-shirts for 5th Graders (all distant learners would be involved). Last year was about \$400. Leesa motions, Beth seconds- motion passed. Teachers will design and we take to Dakota Screen Arts.

- Emergency fund: Mr. Jeske says no need. If anything is needed, school will come and ask. Counselor and Social Worker have tapped into community resources.
- Friday Popcorn: How would we work that? Not at this time.
- Fundraiser:
 - Officers met and decided to jump early on a fund raiser, electing to go with Integrity Fundraising (Tricia supplied flyers). Mainly Online (can sell to family face to face). Each child will receive a coupon book (distant learning children will receive by mail). If sell \$20 then keep book, or can sell book. New concept of a residual box—can change month to month if desired. Packets should be going out next Wednesday and will be collected on the 30th. Books can be returned but nothing else should be coming back. Majority of Funds will go to playground.
 - PennyWars and raffle will still be held in the spring.
 - Other flyer is for other fundraising opportunities through Dan's and Boxtops. Dan's receipts can be mailed or given to teacher. Box tops have changed to scanning receipt through app. Can have distant friends and family participate and can still go to Pioneer.
- PTO can come in and help Deb with any packets or such with the fundraising.
- Minutes and Agenda will be given to Deb and put on PTO website. Beth will email officers and Mr. Jeske for approval.

Next meeting October 13th at 6:30