

Pioneer PTO Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 – 6:30

In attendance: Tricia Zinke, Alissa Thiele, Nicole Wothe, Kim Fischer, Danielle Zins, Kim Fischer, Amber Doll, Jaime Johnson, Stacey Christian, Leesa Riskedahl Jones, Janice Peterson, and Jim Jeske.

REPORTS

Secretary: Tricia made a motion and Alissa 2nd, motion approved.

Treasurer: \$10,850.02 (available \$9,850.02) Nikki made a motion and Tricia 2nd, motion approved.

Principal:

Did a walk through with Nicole from Facilities and has a plan drawn up. They are reviewing building budget with the possibility of additional carry over budget to be added too. Estimate is currently at \$80,000 with grant options from the vendor bringing cost down to \$40,000. Estimating about \$15,000 up front, however it doesn't look like we'll have that amount by summer. We can break the project into a couple of phases and if below \$25,000 we may not have to publish a RFP, however being investigated for legality purposes, ultimately facilities decision. Mr. Jeske mentioned he could show the drawing at the open house in fall and possibly kick off another fundraiser, maybe better by in from families with the visual. If we wait until fall there may be the option for \$5,000 from the school district and another \$5,000 from Parks and Rec with another iteration again in phase 2. Mr. Jeske will know more by next meeting. A zero percent interest loan option available for the school too.

May 2nd Kindergarten registration at 6:30pm. We should let any kindergarteners in the neighborhood know to register as the count is currently at 31. Bismarck is working on right sizing. We are right sized for 268 and we are currently at 280 most days, making us already over capacity for the right sizing. Yesterday, they discussed adding a portable to the site by the music portable. The discussion was to not have it be permanent like Century's portables (on blocks). The city may allow up to a year on blocks, which would give Pioneer the flexibility to have another section of either 1st or 2nd grade, or what ever grade we needed support in. Going from 13 sections to 14 sections. This ask will go to the school board for approval at their next meeting. If approved, Mr. Jeske would be looking for a new teacher. Potentially house specialists in the portable.

Survey link – Mr. Jeske asked we complete as only 35 have completed so far and it helps them to determine what we would like to spend title funding on.

30 days left of school.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Fundraiser– Per Nikki, 490 tickets sold, after fees (\$401.25 and \$1,050 prices) profit of \$3,448.75. Any lessons learned? Mr. Jeske mentioned maybe not putting the month on the ticket. Next year we could have a picture of the equipment on the ticket and sell them at the open house. Maybe do a 20-30 day drawing on day X vs. a month. Discussion regarding a big prize being random drawing or something for highest seller. Maybe rethink the timeframe.

Hams for Easter – Nikki has 2 requests in (1 at Cashwise and 1 at 3 Be Meats).

Archery equipment finalized – Alissa confirmed complete.

Teacher Appreciate Day May 6th-10th – Alissa will run with the Ice cream social that Monday and Danielle can assist.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for new board – Trisha nominated

- Stacey Christian – President
- Daniel Zins – VP
- Leesa Riskedahl Jones – Secretary
- Amber Doll – Treasurer

Let Trisha know if you are interested in a position as she will make up the ballots for May's meeting.

Bylaws – to be reviewed via email in regard to updates.

PTO documentation – Alissa inquired as to best practice as some of her documents are still in the dropbox. Per Leesa, she worked with another PTO who had a gmail with a google docs drive and then every year they set a new password. Trisha will provide Alissa a password to the PTO gmail account.

Website Update ideas - Trisha reviewed other schools PTO sites and there were differences. She reached out to every PTO and received about 6 responses. They all meet monthly at night and have about 6 attendees.

Upcoming year's plans and possible events – Calendar of events referenced. Many schools are doing the calendar raffle. A couple of them are doing a pocket envelope for a yearly donation. There are schools offering scholarships for alumni.

Facebook Page vs. Group – Some of the PTO sites are setup differently and Tricia inquired about specific needs for our PTO site and potential children pictures. Mr. Jeske confirmed any pictures would be confirmed to have appropriate approval.

Teacher Stipends – Discussion regarding the focus should be play ground equipment. This year no 2nd stipends. Trisha made a motion and Danielle 2nd the motion, motion approved.

5th grade sendoff party – Mr. Jeske will discuss with 5th grade teachers. There is state track meet as missing teachers. Flip flop movie with Piolympics.

Popsicles – Alissa made a motion and Trisha 2nd up to \$80, motion approved.

Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, May 14th 6:30pm at the Pioneer Cafeteria. You are more than welcome to bring your children.