

PIONEER PTO MEETING AGENDA
September 11th, 2018 6:30-7:30pm
Pioneer Elementary School Cafeteria

President: Tricia Zinke Vice President: Danielle Zins Secretary: Nicole Wothe Treasurer: Alissa Thiele

Meeting called to order. Tricia welcomed everyone. Alissa brought her computer so we could stream live on Facebook. We had 32 people watch throughout the meeting.

Introductions

Attendance Sheets

Handouts – Welcome to PTO
Minutes from Last Meeting – reviewed Alissa made motion to accept – Danielle 2nd
Financials

Reports:

Secretary: Tricia Zinke – Nikki will be absent

Treasurer's: Alissa Thiele – Alissa stated there are still a couple stipend checks outstanding. We received a check from Box tops for \$150.13. Other check was for popsicles for Camp Ed last day. Current balance \$7020.12. Stipend checks were written and distributed 2nd week of school. These still count for last year. Danielle made motion to accept financials – Stacey 2nd.

Principal's: Mr. Jeske – Share Information from Planning Committee

Mr. Jeske went through a lot that is going on at the school and what was planned over the summer. Planning: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 9th and 11th this year. They are wanting to get to parents early to discuss what is going great and what needs to be worked on for the year. They want to focus on conversing with the parents and not be focused on just performance. As of September 11th, total students enrolled are 282 – total expected 240 – school capacity 290. The school is full! Volunteer will be needed to supply food for teachers. Posting online. Mr. Jeske stated that the first day of school there was good energy. Very good feeling for this year. Advice given in meetings over the summer was "Take back your school" "Own your school". Strong message. Mr. Jeske painted all the pillars in the hallways red and black to add color and something different. It has had a very positive response. He would like to continue to take ownership of the school by updating different things. Even though we can't update the mortar outside or color, it is the little things that can be done to make it more updated and some place people to want to be. He is asking for help to update the library. They are going to transfer the library into a maker space; a welcoming space. They have gotten rid of some of the books, taken out a desk and opened the room up. They are requesting to get an interactive board for the library. Mrs. Harrison has also put in a request for different kinds of charges and equipment for the room as well. The interactive board is estimated to cost between \$1800-\$2000. Mrs. Harrison said she could get what she needs for between \$300-\$500. Danielle made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for the library renovation. Stacey 2nd. Motion passed. Legacy HS art dept. has also been contacted regarding painting murals on the walls.

How to get parent involvement? Our story is unique. Mr. Jeske explained how our story is unique. 30% of students are Caucasian. Cultural diversity in each classroom. 13% qualify for Special Education. Our kids have a lot of diversity and culture in the school. Mr. Jeske is excited to share our story with different businesses in town.

One other request for to help fund the new Archery program that Mr. Taylor wants to implement in the spring. He has to get certified this fall before we can move forward with it. Mr. Taylor estimated cost of equipment would be \$1200-\$1250. We would like to do Penny Wars possibly the 2nd week in November to help fund this request.

Mr. Jeske stated that there are 5 events that he would like to see the PTO manage and put on.

1. Math/Reading night in January
2. Donuts for Dad and Muffins for Mom
3. 2 movie nights throughout the year.

He asked for the PTO to pick the dates for #2 and #3 and sponsor financially all 5.

Jeff & Melissa did an awesome job with the upkeep of the outside of the building as well as prepping for school. Boy Scouts were present for the raising of the flag. They have offered to donate a new flag for our school and they will also perform the ceremony to retire the old flag.

Lastly, PTO requested for Mr. Jeske to get measurements for all blinds in the classrooms to be replaced.

New Business:

Purpose and importance of the Pioneer Elementary PTO. What our goals are this year and how we plan to reach them. It was discussed how the PTO this year will be here to help aid the teachers and help be leaders to get to our final goal of making Pioneer the best school.

Discuss 2018-2019 Timeline – get feedback from all members.

Discuss upcoming expenses. Library \$2500 that was approved. We discussed stipends for the teachers for this year. We will know by the next meeting what we raised from the Cherrydale fundraiser as to how much we will be able to give out in stipends for this school year. The consensus was \$100 for each teacher/staff which Mr. Jeske stated there are 25 this year. It was tabled to discuss in the next meeting. Also have to go to Sam's for popcorn supplies. Danielle stated that she would be willing to pick up the items.

Kick-off for 1st fundraiser of the year – Cherrydale This kick off is Friday the 14th. We will need to get volunteers to help with the distribution of the items on Oct 3rd. Volunteer signup will be posted online.

Discuss box tops, Dan's receipts, Shoparoo. Kim is still going to continue taking care of the box tops. She said she has several to count and organize. She asked for everyone to turn in their box tops from over the summer. We went through and discussed how Shoparoo works and how easy it is. Also informed that the Dan's receipts can get turned into Deb in the office. Tricia stated that she is going to contact Schwan Foods to get another fundraiser set up. It is going to just be an ongoing one for when people do order. Alissa requested for us to possibly do a fundraiser in the spring of selling Badlands Pizza. If you sell up to 800 the cost of the pizza is \$6.75. They suggest to sell for \$8-\$10 each. The fundraiser has a potential of raising over \$2000. She said the pizzas are way better than Cornerstone. The fundraiser would run 2-3 weeks and then it takes 3-4 to get the product to deliver. It was tabled to discuss in the spring.

Volunteers for Popcorn day on September 28th. Popcorn day will continue. Alissa stated she might be able to help with the first popcorn day.

Facebook: Tricia brought up that the current FB page is owned by a past parent. It is a conflict of interest and requested to delete/shut down the current FB page and create one that is owned by the school with the board, principle and secretary to be editors on it. As parents move out of the school and off of our PTO, they should have access to change information or add to the school page. Danielle made the motion to make our own page – Stacey 2nd. Motion carried. Tricia volunteered to work with Deb and the school IT person to get this done asap.

Danielle suggested doing a Teacher of Month wall in the school for us to get to know the teachers better. Everyone agreed that it was a great idea. We will pick 2-3 teachers/support staff per month. The bulletin board will be in the hallway outside the office. The teacher will complete a ALL ABOUT ME page which will be hung with pictures of them. Tricia will work with Deb to get the bulletin board up right away. September teachers were Mr. Taylor, Ms. Larshus and Ms. Sherbinsky.

Old Business: Anyone interested in serving on the PTO Board? Not discussed – board member missing at meeting

Next PTO meeting: October 9th – 6:30pm. Title information and School goals will be discussed at the next meeting by Mr. Jeske.

Meeting adjourned