

Pioneer PTO Meeting

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 – 6:30

In attendance: Tricia Zinke, Alissa Thiele, Kim Fischer, Danielle Zins, Nicole (Nickie) Stenson, Beth Fennern, Justin Miller, Jim Jeske and Nicole (Nikki) Wothe.

REPORTS

Secretary: Danielle moved and Alissa seconded a motion to approve minutes as written. Motion approved.

Treasurer: A balance of \$10,246.13 was reported.

Principal:

- Busy month with Wednesday basketball.
- Donations are on the stage. Pioneer is teaming up with Ruth Meiers for 4 Thursday's in a row for mingle and jingle at Ruth Meiers.
- Pioneer is having meetings to prepare for next year's leadership and assess what areas need staff development. More to come and be shared with PTO.
- A parent identified a concern with the garbage and recycling pickup (baking up of truck) occurring during morning drop off. The school reached out and requested they adjust their hours accordingly.
- A new committee consisting of Clergy, Police Department, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Student Council, etc. to address bullying, Facebook, etc. Discussion of a "code of conduct", however each scenario is unique and emotions may be high. Mr. Jeske's goal is to deescalate the situation. Social media allows an outlet where some may be quick to judge. The new committee has met two times and are hoping to have future parent events. Need to distinguish between what is conduct versus bullying versus harassment. Will also need to re- educate Pioneer staff on appropriate new hire training and yearly required training.
- Mr. Jeske has had lunch with his 40th kid and it has been a positive experience.

NEW BUSINESS

All School PTO – Alissa attended the All School PTO meeting. There was discussion regarding building a new school and current school needs. There was discussion regarding all the PTOs getting together to provide a solution for the school district. Other PTOs have a high attendance volume and larger bank account balances than Pioneer.

Discuss Family Fun Night on January 26th –

Danielle will coordinate ad hoc meetings to discuss, if applicable.

Alissa will reach out to other PTOs i.e. Prairie Rose for potential Carnival games we could borrow and any carnival lessons learned or advice. She will also reach out to Nadine Butz regarding Legacy Students potentially needing volunteer hours for National Honor Society.

Once we figure out the games, we discussed asking each grade level to sponsor a game and acquire 2 adult volunteers for a 1-hour shift each (in addition to Student council and a setup/tear down crew).

PTO has purchased tickets, bags and prizes.

Alissa will post a new volunteer link on Facebook once the specifics have been worked out.

Mr. Jeske and Tricia will discuss food and food volunteers i.e. hotdogs, chips, drinks, plates, napkins, cups, etc.

Danielle will reach out to Balloons by Jim. Danielle made a motion to approve up to \$120 for Balloons by Jim and Tricia 2nd the motion, motion approved.

Mr. Jeske will investigate allergens i.e. nuts in regards to the cake walk.

Possible future fundraisers – Infinity Extreme coupon book in February when they are first released. We have the option of book only \$20, online only \$20 or both \$25. The group felt both was the best route. Tricia will reach out to Infinity to commit to February.

Discussion of trialing 2 fundraisers per year and adding a PA system to the list of school needs.

Turkeys – Mr. Jeske reported the Thanksgiving raffle was a hit. Danielle made a motion to approve up to 6 Turkey's for a Christmas week raffle and Danielle 2nd the motion, motion approved. Nikki will follow up with Cash Wise and let Danielle know her findings in regards to purchase need versus potential donation.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Lego Robotics to be ordered – Mr. Jeske reported 3rd and 4th grade Robotics are covered with last year's purchase. We have 2 kit options for 5th grade (Basic kit at \$350 or Advanced Core kit at \$468). Danielle made a motion to approve up to \$5,000 for 12 Advanced Core Robotic kits for the 5th graders and Nikki 2nd the motion, motion approved. Mr. Jeske will gather the specifics and costs for outstanding K – 2nd grade Robotics needs.

Barnes and Noble fundraiser – Tricia will reach out to Barnes and Noble regarding the funds raised for our Library.

Popcorn Friday - No popcorn Friday in December with the holiday.

Box Tops – please cut and sent with your child to school any time. Kim reported \$342.60.

Dan's Receipts – bring the whole receipt and give to Deb in the office

Shoparoo – download app on your phone, scan all your receipts, make money for the school

Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, January 9th 2018 at 6:30pm. You are more than welcome to bring your children.

Various gift card drawings