

Streams PTO General Meeting Minutes September 15, 2023

The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:32am by PTO President Brittany Weiler. There were 25 people in attendance, including the board.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The May 2023 PTO minutes were approved.

The Sept 15th meeting agenda was read and approved.

BOARD REPORTS

President- Brittany introduced herself and provided reasons why she joined the PTO. She is excited for all of the fun events planned for the year.

Dr. Klousnitzer- The school theme this year is centered on optimism and collaboration. Focus will be placed on get-togethers, buddy classes, and collaboration in the community and events. This was presented to students as Using Manners is as Easy as ABC. A is Acknowledge Others, B is Be Aware and Take Action, and C is Courteous Words. The PAWS program begins on Friday morning to recognize our optimistic thinkers. The winners will receive certificates and bracelets.

Secretary-We received numerous thank you cards from staff for the “woot woot” wagon, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Welcome Back Luncheon. Juli read a special thank you from the art teacher, Mrs. Stevenson. She was very appreciative of the PTO fundraising. We were able to provide support while she took time off to help her son battle and win his 9 year fight with leukemia.

Mrs. Dunbar-A huge thank you for all of the staff appreciation events that the PTO provided last school year. They were very well received and greatly appreciated by all. Mrs. Dunbar also expressed gratitude and praise for this year’s Teacher Welcome Back Event. She said that it was the best first day in her 20+ year history at the school.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Appreciation Vote-Katie Ann Heddaeus spoke on behalf of the Staff Appreciation committee. Katie Ann and Lauren O’Rourke are the chairs again for this year. Last school year, they provided all 60 staff members with individually packaged treats via the monthly “woot woot” wagon. Some treat examples were coffee and Duck Donuts, a tailgate with hot dogs and chips, hot cocoa and cookies, pies from the Pie Place, a pizza party, and Millie’s ice cream. They were also responsible for Teacher Appreciation week. The daily events included brunch, popcorn, a taco truck, a photo booth, dessert bar, and school supply raffles. For this school year, the Teacher Appreciation theme is Wizard of Oz. They also plan to continue the highly successful “woot woot” wagon. They also want to do something special for our bus drivers if there is

money in the budget. In order to accommodate all of the plans for this year, they requested a budget increase from \$2000 to \$3000. The increase was voted on and approved by those in attendance.

Stravaganza Updates-Sam Kane spoke about the exciting changes to Stravaganza this year. The event was moved back to the fall and will take place on October 13th from 5-8pm. In lieu of game tickets, \$20 flat rate wristbands will be distributed. After each game is played, a letter on the wristbands will be filled in. The two paw prints on the wristband will be filled in for face painting and winning at cake walk. Three new high-quality games were added including Ring Toss, Frog Flinger, and High Striker Strong Man. There will be multiple prize tiers based on the number of games completed. Also, there will only be one raffle ticket this year instead of separating child and adult. T-shirts will be sold again. Long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts are available with the school year theme and tree of life image. Six food trucks will provide food and a DJ will play kid-friendly songs. We are still selling parking spaces and looking for sponsorships. Brittany mentioned that we received a \$100 donation from an anonymous donor. He also donated two wristbands for someone who needs them.

On a separate note, Sam Kane also secured a \$1000 donation from The Morgan Family Foundation for the PTO.

Author Visit- Mrs Kellner has arranged for author Josh Funk to visit Streams. He plans to speak about taking an idea in your head and putting it into a book. He will also discuss how the book making process is a collaboration, which relates directly to the school theme.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ice Cream Social- Karen Anderson and Brittany are chairs for the event. Karen spoke about reconfiguring the check-in this year. Individuals who pre-pay will pick up their tickets at a table in the school lobby. There will also be a line for families who still need to purchase tickets. Once families have their tickets, they can shop at the Book Fair in the LGI. Pre-paid tickets are \$4 each or \$5 at the door. Brittany encouraged people to pre-pay if possible. This helps us purchase the appropriate amount of ice cream and toppings. Volunteers are still needed. If you can volunteer or have a child that needs IB hours, please reach out to Karen or Brittany. All of the proceeds for the fall Ice Cream Social will benefit the PTO. In the spring, the proceeds are donated to SHIM.

Book Fair-Abby Scalise and Carly Rademaker are chairs for the event. It will take place from 6-8pm in the LGI concurrent with the Ice Cream Social. A Scholastic flyer was sent home with students. It has a sample of the books that will be available. Your purchases help provide Scholastic dollars for our teachers. They use these to buy STEM kits, cushions for the classroom, books, and more. A portion of last year's proceeds also funded books for Kindergarten Connection and Stravaganza raffle items. The committee is still in need of a volunteer to help with the cash register from 6-7pm.

Sharing Is Caring- This budget is used for families that may be facing a difficult life event, need a little help, or a pick-me-up. The recipients remain anonymous. So far, we provided a family in

need with a Giant Eagle gift card to show our support. We also used the fund for cupcakes and a fruit bouquet to send to Mrs. Stevenson for her son's "ring the bell" milestone. Please contact the PTO if you know of anyone who may need some help.

Spirit Nights- The first spirit night of the school year was held at Urban Air which brought in \$60. The next event is this Monday, September 18th from 5-9pm at OTB. 15% of purchases during that time will be donated to the PTO. We are looking for additional Spirit Night suggestions. We want to have one per month.

After School Programs- Program chair, Hollie Link, is looking to start this program again in October.

Room Parents- Room Parents are actively planning their Stravaganza raffle baskets and Harvest parties. Please expect to receive information directly from your child's room parents. If you are a room parent, please remember to turn in your Harvest party receipts for reimbursement. The budget for each classroom is \$40.

OLD BUSINESS

Kindergarten Meet and Greet- They were held at Wiltshire Park this summer. They were a great way for incoming Kindergartners to make friends before the start of school.

Kindergarten Connection- This event was held at the McLaughlin Activity Center. Some of the highlights included a visit from Dr. K, an ice cream treat from Beedle's, games and crafts.

New Family Welcome- We hosted a welcome event for new families on August 14th. It included breakfast, tours of the school, Q&A session, and each child received a Streams cinch bag.

Welcome Back Luncheon- As discussed earlier, this event was a huge success. The staff had a wonderful time and greatly appreciated the delicious food and flower bouquets.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.