

# PAW MEETING NOTES

November 13, 2023

**PAW OFFICERS: Melissa Feeney (President), Amber Rud (Treasurer), Heidi Ness (Secretary)**

Attendees: Melissa Feeney, Molly Penk, Heidi Ness, Jennifer Och, Amber Rud, Amber Stokstad, Carina Paton

1. Introductions
2. Trunk or Treat recap
  - a. 13 cars this year, hoping to get at least 20 next year
  - b. May get more teacher involvement if we put a paper signup in staff lounge
3. Believe fundraiser update
  - a. \$13,000+ sales from catalog
  - b. Westwood gets \$5,616 profit
  - c. Account balance is \$43,444
  - d. May look into purchasing bounce house if we have money left at end of year
    - i. Would pay for itself in several years
    - ii. Could rent out to other schools possibly
  - e. We did surpass last year's total, although there wasn't much buzz about the fundraiser this year
    - i. There used to be a kickoff for kids to get them excited about selling and earning prizes
    - ii. People felt a bit of fund raiser overload with this, the walk a thon, apparel sale all at once
  - f. Fundraiser does generate a lot of money for minimal effort
  - g. For future years, we should be more transparent about what percentage of profits go to Westwood
    - i. Westwood gets 40% of profits
    - ii. Some parents may wish to just donate money. Does the company get a cut of that?
    - iii. Walk A Thon and Coin Wars are 100% profit
4. Joahsark Mobile petting Zoo - enrichment idea for later this year
  - a. Cow, mini horse, donkey, sheep, goats, rabbits, alpaca, and llama
  - b. Would include animal facts to make the experience educational
  - c. \$500 for 2 hours
  - d. Can be tailored to our needs
  - e. Molly have Derek bring up at leadership meeting to gauge interest
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> grade wanted to do this last year
    - ii. Could share with another grade level
  - f. Would need to figure out logistics – maybe do 20 min per class
5. Coin Wars
  - a. Looking at week of March 18-22
  - b. Kickoff at assembly the Friday before
  - c. 6 sections of kindergarten, will have to figure out how to structure the competition to make it fair

6. When should we do the apparel sale?
  - a. Emily sent an order out on SeeSaw earlier this year
  - b. Possibly do in February as a fundraiser
  - c. Everything signs – order online and we get a portion of sales
  - d. Good quality items for reasonable price
7. Playground update
  - a. Equipment is in but there are only 2 companies in the state that can install
  - b. Needs to be officially approved after install
  - c. Expecting spring installation
  - d. Jen will follow-up to get better idea of timeline
  - e. Broken pieces have been removed from existing playground
8. Teacher requests for money
  - a. Money is allocated for each grade level and certain departments like SPED
  - b. Intended for student enrichment (experiences not necessarily supplies)
  - c. Request forms can be filled out and will be reviewed at monthly PAW meetings
9. Planning for Great Theater
  - a. 5<sup>th</sup> graders only
  - b. Practices after school for one week, then perform for school and parents on Friday
  - c. Students performed The Little Mermaid last year
  - d. This used to be a PAW initiated event, but now all schools in the district are doing and it is much less expensive. Families pay for students to participate and have the option to sponsor others.
  - e. PAW typically supplies pizzas on Friday
  - f. Possible dates
    - i. Feb 12-16 (conferences)
    - ii. **April 15-19** or April 22-26
10. December meeting will be cancelled since holidays are busy and we don't have anything major planned for January