

PAW MEETING NOTES

November 7, 2022

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

Attendees: Melissa Feeney, Amanda Lengyel, Molly Penk, Jen Och, Derek Branton, Heidi Ness, Amber Rud

1. Robotics Budget Discussion
 - a. Many kids signed up for robotics this year – 22 applicants!
 - b. Program will have 12 total kids, split into four teams of 3
 - i. Kids that don't get to be on team can still go to camp in winter
 - c. Currently program is only for 5th grade, but school is looking to purchase some more things (through school funding) to introduce kids to robotics at younger grade levels
 - d. \$1,200 of \$1,400 budget has been spent already
 - e. May want to increase budget for next year - at end of year we can see what a realistic budget would look like
 - f. PAW or parents could do a special fundraiser specifically for robotics
 - g. Parents currently pay registration fee and costs for tournaments. Tournament registration is only about \$75 per team, but cost increases significantly if teams do well and get to travel
 - h. Coach gets paid a stipend, but several volunteers are also assisting, and it would be nice if they were compensated also
2. Believe fundraiser update
 - a. Generated \$10,077 in sales
 - b. Westwood gets 40% of proceeds
 - c. Still some paper orders trickling in – Melissa will collect up until Friday and then mail them in
 - d. Stragglers can be faxed if needed
 - e. Prizes yet to be drawn – suction cup critters this year
3. Playground news
 - a. Derek has call with Bill Johnson from Northland (the original designer) on Friday
 - b. Some existing equipment has been deemed unsafe and was taken down
 - i. Bridge and swings
 - ii. Bridge replacement was \$5,000 not including installation
 1. Will find out after inspection if this would need to be professionally installed
 - c. District hired a playground consultant – certified in playground safety – needs to come out and be inspected
 - d. Current bid is around 100K, give or take 20K for underground support
 - e. There are a couple pools of money that district can potentially go with, and funding will likely come from multiple sources
 - i. Grants
 1. Derek will look into grant resources
 2. Osseo Elementary School – playground was installed in one day, funded by MN Vikings

- ii. Donations
 - 1. Liberty Bank sponsored playground previously
 - 2. Donation process
 - a. Donation form signed off by superintendent and earmarked for WW Elementary playground
 - b. Check goes to district office then signed back over to Westwood
 - c. Anyone interested in donating can talk to Derek
 - iii. City Funding – would city be willing to fund anything because adjacent grass and splash pad are a public park?
 - iv. Warranty - Is there a warranty? No, it is long expired.
 - v. PAW fundraiser
 - 1. Could do another fundraiser this summer too specific for playground
 - a. 5K fun run maybe
 - f. Playground update would not happen till summer at least
 - i. Swings can probably be fixed in the interim
 - g. This is a priority for Westwood and the district
4. Invoices and teacher requests
- a. Bins – estimated shipping week of Oct 31st, no update
 - i. Amber to follow up
 - ii. Ordered from school specialty
 - b. Mystery science curriculum
 - i. Staff happy and energized to have this resource
 - ii. Subscription is for one year, will evaluate renewal based on staff feedback
 - iii. Nov 21st training session
 - iv. Mystery science put into technology budget – taking from fall party
 - c. Sara Martini
 - i. Library books - \$895.95
 - ii. Approved and will be taken from \$1,000 budget
 - d. 4th Grade Misc Items
 - i. Sticker, poster, star student wristbands
 - ii. Pending field trip budget
 - 1. Derek updated staff – once we have a better idea of field trips, we will have better idea of what can be funded by PAW
 - 2. Derek can share budget info at leadership meeting, and connect individually with EL so teachers know what money is to be used for
 - 3. Unsure if orchestra hall trip will be happening – doubtful because lack of transportation
 - iii. Do we have a plan B if there are no field trips?
 - 1. PAW money should be used for experiences
 - 2. Grade level money can be for supplies
 - 3. Get ideas from teachers
 - e. Nurse Karen
 - i. Need sweatpants with elastic bands, socks, underwear (new)
 - ii. Should be able to do donation drive
 - iii. Often clothing goes home with a child but does not return. Maybe a note could be sent home requesting return
5. Apparel order for parents and kids
- a. Felicia put together a sample order form for review
 - i. Several tshirt and sweatshirt options available
 - ii. Other items to potentially add - sweat pants, socks, stocking hats, Tshits

- b. Can't guarantee delivery by Christmas but would be ready early next year
 - c. This would likely not be a PAW fund raiser unless we increase price of each item
 - d. Maybe do in January since we have done so much fundraising already
6. Upcoming fundraisers
- a. Coin Wars
 - i. Targeting week of February 13th
 - 1. Could have PAW table for donations during conferences
 - ii. Should we do by grade or by class?
 - 1. Look at how many students there are per grade. Is it fair to do by grade level?
 - 2. Could possibly calculate average money per student at each grade level, but this makes it harder to track
 - 3. PreK only has 27 students – might want to combine them with whatever grade has fewest students
 - b. Great theater in spring
 - i. Need to start planning for this
 - ii. Last year we had \$1,500 LEAF Grant
 - 1. Not guaranteed two years in a row
 - 2. We should make our own plan to cover
 - c. Walkathon – we netted \$9,200 this year!