

October PTO Agenda

October 8, 2024

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Parent/ Teachers Present: Brandi Sonneson, president; Amber Estabrook, vice president; Calli Scheller, treasurer; Amanda Godfread, secretary; Jennifer Roth (4th), Alyx Mathews, Ranee Bentz (K), Justin Weichel, Ms. Mertz

Introductions:

Approval of Sept meeting minutes: Amanda moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Calli seconded. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report:

- a. Fire Dept is coming to talk to Kinder rooms to talk about safety
- b. Students taking nursing classes at the Career Academy will be coming later this month to talk about various aspects of health
- c. Crunch Off for 3rd graders - corn on the cob
- d. Oct 24-25, Todd Wolff is coming to teach chess to grades 2-5. He will have chess club after school in the coming weeks.
- e. 4th graders are learning about ND history and learned about teepees this week.
- f. Looking at for opportunities in the coming days to make sure students are connected to each other and educators.
- g. District is getting feedback about transportation for the coming school years, which impacts start times at the schools. A survey to all families will go out in November.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Allocated \$400 for Back to School Bash and spent just under \$300. Next year we'd like to get Cloverdale to donate the hot dogs, applying 30 days in advance. We will try CashWise or Walmart for next year with the buns because Family Fare didn't reply until the day of the event, which was really tight, but thankfully it worked.
- b. Our current balance is \$13,009.15.

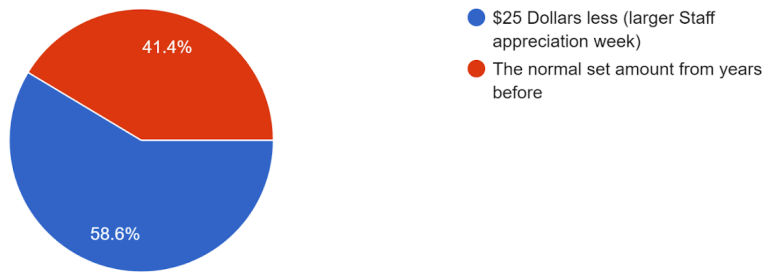
Old Business:

1. Back to School Bash

- a. There was a good turnout of families. Ms Mertz will bring the sign-in sheets to our next meeting, so we know how many people came. There has been good feedback from students and the games on the field were a big hit. We ran out of apples, had about 70 hot dogs left, didn't run out of water, we had some condiments left. Thank you to Calli's family for bringing their tent and anchoring it down in the wind.

2. Teacher Allocation (revisiting)

Which would suit your needs more?
29 responses



Based on this feedback, we would like to drop down the Teacher Allocation amounts and adjust the budget for Teacher Appreciation week. Amounts will be given to Dana to be put into the teacher budgets so they don't have to cash individual checks.

Brandi motioned to approve this plan. Mrs. Bentz seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

3. Calendar Raffle (revisiting)

- a. We are prepping to stuff envelopes in the coming week in advance of distribution. Flash Printing will handle the job this year at about half the cost of last year. Tickets will include information about proceeds supporting the accessible swing. Brandi is checking to make sure it's clearly stated where to write a check.
- b. Any student who turns in all their tickets, sold or unsold, will be entered into a drawing (7 chances) for \$5 gift cards to places around town.

- c. Proposed payout is \$1600 total to raffle winners.
- d. Top 3 sellers of raffle tickets: \$100 gift card for 1st, \$50 gift card for 2nd place, and \$50 credit to the Book Fair for 3rd place.
- e. Top selling classes: Pizza party for 1st place. Ice cream party for 2nd place.

Brandi motioned to allocate \$2,000 for all remaining costs for the raffle. Amanda seconded. Alyx asked for clarification on how the tickets are tracked. Brandi and Calli explained that we have a spreadsheet of all students and which ticket numbers they were given, whether they were sold, unsold, and turned in. Unanimous approval of motion.

4. Conference Meal Info

- a. October 15 is our meal night. Cloverdale is donating 2 cases of pulled pork for sandwiches. We will provide baked beans, buns, and sides. The Sign-Up Genius was totally covered with it going out in the Newsletter - thank you all!

New Business:

- 1. Movie Night - we will do 2 movie nights, focused on K-2, and 3-5 with different movies that might appeal more to their tastes. For K-2 Ms Mertz recommends:
 - a. How to Train Your Dragon
 - b. Cocoa
 - c. Home

November 15 at 6:30pm. is the date that works best. The consensus was to show How to Train Your Dragon. We need to confirm if the Walz family wants to donate their sound system again and if they are available.

Brandi motioned to have a \$150 allocation for snacks and printing. Justin seconded. Calli mentioned that we could have a Sign-Up Genius for parents to volunteer overseeing the snack area. Unanimous approval.

2. Dine and Donate

- a. Wings and Rings on Wed, October 23. All day (11am-10pm), dine in or out, drinks included. You must mention or show the flier.

3. Teacher Request: 4th grade Art of Residence

- a. Mrs Sagsveen is requesting \$500 for licensing fee that goes with the grant application for this program. This is the same cost we covered last year. It is a concentrated program for 4th grade, but there will be a smaller inclusion of all grades.

Brandi motioned to cover the \$500 fee for the Art of Residence program. Mrs. Bentz seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

4. PTO Sign Request

- a. We are looking at signs to put out in front of the school the day of PTO meetings to draw parents' attention and remind them that there is a meeting.
- b. Brandi motioned to allocate \$110 for a new flag PTO can use each month to advertise our meetings. Alyx seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

5. 5th grade t-shirts

- a. In previous years we had a 5th grade student making them. That student has graduated out so we need to revisit this. Pricing them out now, Superior Silk Screen - 1 color is \$762.40; 2 color is \$913.60; 3 color is \$1,064.80.
- b. There is a family with kids in the school that offered to pay for a portion of the shirts if they can put their business logo on the back. Ms. Mertz confirmed we are allowed to do that.
- c. Justin recommended we look at Custom Ink as his wife uses them for shirts at Simle. They appear to be less expensive.
- d. We will table this topic until the next meeting to get some more pricing information, if more businesses want to sponsor and ideas on how to handle covering the costs of para t-shirts. The group in attendance were all ok with including sponsor logos on the shirt.

Other:

Announcements:

Adjourned at 7:46pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th at 6:45 pm in the Northridge Cafeteria.

President- Brandi Sonneson, Vice President - Amber Estabrook , Secretary- Amanda Godfread, Treasurer - Calli Scheller.