



Big Woods PTO Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024

Principal Report – Jesse - Getting some information back regarding possibly adding a rock wall. There are some questions still regarding safety and how it would be covered at night. Will send out art night information and the fun run reminder this week. As a school, we can't bring in Mathnasium. PTO could sponsor an activity night with them as we did in the past.

Treasurer Report - Teresa

- Budget update - Our largest expense for the month of September comes from 4th grade - \$741. Revenue/cash coming in was \$3100, which was over budget. We sold 27 pairs of socks. We received \$573 from Coborns that wasn't originally budgeted.

Board Report

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS BEEN VOLUNTEERING LATELY AND ARE SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER IN THE NEAR FUTURE!

2024-25 Fundraiser 10/2-10/11 - Is anyone available for the majority of the day that could be here to help? If we reach our goal, Jesse will be riding a tricycle around the school. Does anyone know of someone who might have a larger tricycle and would let us borrow it for the day?

- Fun Run is outside (weather pending) on 10/11

8:00-9:00 Grade 3, 9:00-10:00 Grade 2, 10:00-11:00 Grade 4, 11:40-12:40 Grade 1

- Can anyone be here for a majority or all of the day on Friday to help with whatever needs to be done for the fun run? Would like the PTO to have a good representation.
- If we reach our fundraising goal, Mr. Peterson will be riding around the school on a tricycle. Ideally, he will be able to ride it much longer if it is NOT a preschool size tricycle. Does anyone have access to a larger tricycle that we could borrow for a day at a date to be determined later on. Maybe an adaptive tricycle? Or an adult tricycle?
- I think there are still some prize distribution slots that would be great if they were filled.

Family Art Night 10/11 - Christa - Everything has been ordered, feathers have been printed and now pencils have been sharpened. We'll borrow scissors from the art teacher. Once the project is done, we'll notify the teachers if they'd like to take pictures with the students and the feathers. We'll advertise for conferences and encourage families to stop in for a photo opportunity as well. We'll need more help at the end of the night to assist with clean up.

- Please wear your blue PTO shirt if you are helping so we can find each other and so the attendees know who they can get help from.

Box Tops for Education Week 10/14-10/20 - Trina

- Earn double box tops during this week!
- Last year we had a total of \$427 in box tops that our school earned. This year we are currently at \$262. We need to encourage more people to be scanning their receipts as there is really only a very small group of people that are doing Box Tops.
- We don't have an official competition going but you can assign credit with your box top scans for what grade level you would like to get credit for the earning.

Big Woods Garden – Christa - Wondering how long to keep the water timer on or when we're ready to shut it down for the season. Pumpkins are growing slowly but probably won't be available this year. Will reach out for possible pumpkin donations for those classes/grades that use them. Both sides have been cleaned up and next year should come in nice.

Fall Conference Meals 10/24 - Nicole - Conference meals have been scheduled. Teachers will have BBQ set up for the night. We may need some help with set-up/clean up at the end of the night.

Harvest Party 11/1 -Alyssa - 1st & 2nd grade. Some of the activities will change from previous years and we'll have time to order what we need for those activities. Parent volunteers come in to help run the activities but will need PTO members to help with setup and cleanup and be available to assist throughout the event.

Jersey Mike's Fundraising 11/23-11/24 - We'll have a code available that we'll want to use for the fundraiser.

Garage Sale 12/6 - Christa - We have a list of items to do from Rachel. We need to reserve the multi-purpose room asap. There's currently a staff member in there that we need to work around. A plan is in place to rehome that group for the week of the sale. We will contact Kids Play to get everything moved for 11/29-12/6.

Family Bingo Night 1/31 - Mark your calendars already as we need lots of help to put on this event.

PTO Logo - Trina - Does anyone have an interest in creating a new logo suggestion? We could possibly open it up to students as well.

2024-25 Meeting dates:

Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 10, Mar 3, Apr 14, May 12

Happy Birthday month to:

Open comments/suggestions/questions

Next meeting: Nov. 18th

Adjourn

Members present: Trina, Christa, Christine, Amber, Teresa, Rachel, Shannon, Anna, Megan, Jessica, Linda, Tami, Alisa A.

This meeting will be held in the Big Woods Media Center.

****Fundraiser 10/2-10/11 with the kickoff event on the first day and the final event on the last day****

PTO Meeting 10/7

Family Activity/Art Night 10/11

Fall Conference Meals 10/24

Harvest Party 11/1

World Kindness Day 11/13

PTO Meeting 11/18

*Jersey Mike's Fundraising
11/23-11/24*

Garage Sale 12/6

PTO Meeting 12/9

Garage Sale Shopping Day 12/13

PTO Meeting 1/6

Papa Johns Night 1/7

National Popcorn Day 1/19

Talent Expo 1/30

Spring Conference Meals 1/30

Family Bingo Night 1/31

Jersey Mike's fundraising 2/8-2/9

PTO Meeting 2/10

PTO Meeting 3/3

Culvers Night 3/19

National Pencil Day 3/30

PTO Meeting 4/14

Culvers Night 4/16

Admin. Professionals Day 4/23

School Principal day 5/1

*Staff/Teacher appreciation week
5/5-5/9*

Culvers Night 5/7

PTO Meeting 5/12

Big Woods PTO Bash TBD