



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 11/1/18

Attendees: P. Johnson, J. Smith, A. Hanlon, J. Robison, C. Shields, K. Dash, J. Spoto, B. Smith, L. Haggerty, A. Lupiani

September PTO Meeting Minutes approved by K. Dash, B. Smith.

PTO Correspondence

Mr. Bond thanked the PTO for the Document Projector. OPCSD thanked the PTO for the field trip donation to cover transportation costs.

Reports

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 11/1/18 for October 2018

Monthly Treasurer's Report for October 2018			
	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$16,593.92	\$21.61	\$16,615.53
Income			
Fall Book Fair	\$1,049.00		
Halloween Dance	\$3,396.75		
Field Trip - 2nd Grade	\$200.00		
Membership	\$365.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,010.75	\$0.00	\$5,010.75
Expense			
Halloween Dance (DJ/Pizza)	\$1,421.70		
Fall Book Fair	\$30.00		
Holiday Auction	\$60.00		
Bank Fee (NSF)	\$15.00		
Software Fee (MSA)	\$268.20		
Field Trip - First Grade	\$161.00		
Field Trip - Kindergarten	\$990.00		
Bus Driver Breakfast	\$60.95		
Homecoming Parade	\$93.87		
Winter Skate Night	\$350.00		
Busing - Field Trip	\$241.45		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,692.17	\$0.00	\$3,692.17
Ending Balance	\$17,912.50	\$21.61	\$17,934.11
Net Income (Loss)			\$1,318.58

Principal: Mr. Johnson – Halloween was a lot of fun. Staff participated in various activities with students who celebrated in the afternoon. The first Character Education assembly and Bus Evacuation Drills took place in October. During November, the first lockdown drill will take place. Also, there will be code of conduct assemblies. Professional development opportunities in October focused on math, and in November they will be focused on reading.

Teacher: Mrs. Hanlon reporting – The teachers said thank you for the t-shirts and the Halloween Family Fun Night, which they felt was well organized. We all thought Mrs. Schmidt did a great job decorating the school for the occasion. Miss Kulczyk shared a class photo and a note that said that they love their new t-shirts. Mrs. Hanlon distributed bookmarks that have details about the 4th Annual WNY Children's Book Expo at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on Sat. Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Windom's visiting author Susan Verde will be attending. There was a reminder that the Veterans Day assembly is coming up on 11/9. Mrs. Chadwell is also organizing Treats for Troops – please send in your leftover Halloween candy and Windom will ship it to troops overseas.

Shared Decision Making Committee Update – Windom is looking for input from parents about buzzwords that would help finalize a vision and mission statement for our school. These words could summarize traits or achievements of a Windom graduate, for example. The committee also chose the two other titles for the Read Aloud project this year.

PTO Updates

Halloween Dance (10/26) – Fortunately, we had enough volunteers who signed up so all activities went on as planned. Plenty of staff helped, as well as some middle school and high school students (Thanks to all!) Pre-sale tickets sold: 492; At-the-door tickets: 366; Total: 858 tickets. This was up slightly more than last year (824 tickets). Setting up the craft and game stations right near the gym and blocking off the other hallways worked out well to contain the activities to one area. Next year, cones will be placed in the bus area until the fire trucks arrive in order to designate it a “no parking zone.” There was a pizza shortage, so we will order 5 more sheet pizzas next year.

Student T-shirts – These have all been distributed.

Upcoming/Current Events

Fundraising Updates – Five Below – Will take place the week of Dec. 9-15. More details will go home as we move closer to the date. Chipotle – no availability in November so this is being pushed to Jan. 9 from 4-7 p.m. at the Milestrip Rd. location. After initial contact with Earth Spirit, we will get some further options on scheduling and dates, including the possibility of a school-wide spring assembly.

Holiday Food Drive (11/13-16) – A flyer is going home with guidelines on types of food donations requested per grade. Windom is collecting monetary donations to be put toward the purchase of grocery gift cards. We need volunteers for Box Up day on 11/16 in Mrs. Lew’s small gym. Visit MySchoolAnywhere.com to signup.

Holiday Auction (12/6-7) – Donations are trickling in. Thank you to all who have committed to making an auction item donation. Officers collaborated on what the PTO will be donating this year. The initial suggestion was a smartwatch, however in keeping with the theme of family/kid friendly, it was decided that we would offer tickets to a sporting event and a museum, and a recreational “toy” that promotes physical activity. In addition, any high value prizes leftover from the Boosterthon Fun Run will be auctioned off.

Holiday Bazaar/Reindeer Walk (12/6-7) – We briefly discussed any materials that need to be ordered for this event. Kevin Dash will touch base with Book Outlet & More so that we can get more books as prizes for the Reindeer Walk. We will offer the choice of either a B&N gift card or a book as a classroom prize.

Other Items

Playground equipment is in! Installation date TBD.

Fifth graders have been studying the work of John James Audubon and Roger Tory Peterson, who are two famous naturalists/illustrators. There is an opportunity for them to participate in a “digital field trip” that will tie in to the field guides/bird guides they have been studying. These digital field trips are essentially skype sessions at a cost of \$100 per session. Two sessions would be held in school on 11/13 & 11/15. The PTO approved the \$200 cost as this would come out of the fifth grade field trip budget allocation.

As a follow up to Mrs. Smith’s presentation last month about acquiring funds for a new speaker system, the PTO is willing to commit \$1500 as a starting point to purchase this equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Spoto, PTO Secretary