PTO Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024
Start Time: 5:34 PM

In attendance: Lenea Ortiz, Claudia Apodaca, DeAnna Salas, Lauren Berg, Vanessa Avila

Approval of Minutes:
Lenea made a motion to approve the minutes from September. DeAnna seconded.

Old Business:

- PTO Fund Balance
    - $18,155.17
- Field Trips
    - Creede Theater
        - Lots of good feedback from students and staff
        - We were able to send all grades this year
    - Pumpkin patch- Possibly October 17th- awaiting confirmation
        - Chartwells is covering $1000.00 for pumpkins
        - $5 a kid for the pumpkin patch and corn pit
        - We can use Title I funds for the pumpkin patch so PTO doesn't have to pay.
        - Pumpkin picture decoration contest
            - All pictures that are returned are entered into a drawing
            - 1 prize per grade
            - Stacey had some prize ideas and said Village Inn could donate
                - We are going to reach out to Stacey and see if they can donate 4 prizes.
- Count Day
    - We did pajama day and movies in the classroom. Parents donated snacks.
- Fall Festival Update
    - Signup was sent out today. About half of the slots are filled in
    - Front will be bounce houses, tug of war, sack races, photo area
    - There will be check in tables so people can fill out tickets for the drawings
    - Courtyard will have another check in table, connect four, STUCO will have a table and sell bouquets
    - Concession stand will be open to sell items to help raise money for the committee
    - Gym will have face painting, connect four, pick or treat game, tic-tac-toe, checkers, can game
    - They organized the fall festival stuff and they found a bunch of reusable tote bags so they're going to decorate tote bags and can keep it to collect prizes etc.
    - Bounces houses were ordered and one was donated. The total for that is around $275.

- Claudia reached out to the city of La Junta to get trash cans. They will charge $13.50 per trash can and they want to order 5.
- Chartwells will serve food.
- We will have 3 custodians to help in the lunchroom this year.
- Vanessa is going to reach out to the PD and fire department to be present and set up a table or area if they want
- Dee Rangle will be here to photograph the event
- Dinner will be Frito Pie with cinnamon rolls, hot chocolate, milk, water, and popcorn
- Literacy Project will be here to hand out books and have volunteers sign up
- Danielle is making a map so everyone knows what is going on in which areas of the school
- Prizes have been ordered-$1000
    - Stanley cups, kids games, hunting gear, crockpot, air fryer, s'mores maker, heated blanket, heated gloves, mini prizes to go in with the candy

New Business:

- Fund Request
    - Yearbooks - Yearbooks are $17.00 each this year. We ordered 224 last year and we have about 2 dozen left over. PTO could pay $12.00 for each yearbook and charge families $5.00 Money must be turned in by the beginning of March. They're received in May. We could have parents sign up and pay for them at conferences in the spring.
        - We are going to table this until next month to brainstorm
            - Ideas : PTO pays $7 per yearbook and families pay $10 up to 250 books
        - DeAnna is going to see how many yearbooks have been ordered for the past few years.
- Winter Waffles
    - We will add parents to winter waffles and they will be free.
    - We will do families for Winter waffles instead. It will be December 18-19
- Staff gifts for Christmas
    - We have 62 staff. We will finish discussing this next month. We are going to look at some pricing. $30.00 per person.
- Fundraiser kids don't get the limo rides anymore. We want the top seller from each grade to go out to lunch with Claudia. She's asking for $100.00 to get lunch. The top seller gets to choose the location.
    - Lauren made a motion to approve up to $100.00 for Claudia to take the top sellers out to lunch. Lenea seconded. Motion passes.

Next Meeting: November 12 @ 5:30
Meeting Adjourned at: 6:39