

## 2024 PTO Meeting April

**Call to order:** 6:31 called by Melissa, seconded by Lauren

**Principal's Report:** We are full swing into IAR testing. Finished ELA testing today. We have three math tests next week! Thank you PTO for the snacks. An email went out regarding the Solar Eclipse next Monday. We will take everyone outside, everyone will have glasses. Mr. Weigman has been making cool paper plate crafts with the kids and the glasses go into these!

Bernie's books is tomorrow. Bags of books broken down by grade level. They do this twice a year since we are a Title 1 school. By next week everyone will come home with a bag of books.

We are partnering with the HighSchool this year. Students will come back to their elementary school before they graduate from HS. They can walk the halls and the elementary students will cheer for them. Towards the end of year. Early release coming up 4/26. Registration is open for next school year. The district has been going around to the preschools and Head Start and PreK program at Edgebrook. To remind parents of incoming kindergarteners about registration.

Looking ahead our school leadership team has been working on a plan for next year. For the meet and greet and supply drop off we are thinking of making this a more traditional open-house style of event. Our normal open house/curriculum night only draws 50-60% of parents. Envisioning two sessions like with curriculum night, kids would be included. Drop off supplies, meet the teacher, and stay for more information.

Our bilingual subgroup has one multi age classroom left which is 4th and 5th graders. We are splitting that next year. The bilingual teachers are excited. Mrs. Noll who teaches 4th and 5th grade will move to the 5th grade bilingual group. We will have another ESL teacher 3 days a week next year to work with Mrs. Murrin. We also hired a new 3rd grade dual language teacher.

**Treasurer's Report:** Danielle was not able to attend.

### **Old Business**

- The incubator & and chick eggs are in Mrs. Clingingsmith's class! They should be hatching in about 20 days.
- McDonald's fundraiser will be April 16th. We could use 1 more staff volunteer for the 1st (4:30-5:30) & 3rd shifts (6:30-7:30)

### **New Business:**

- Culver's night, Tuesday April 30th. They would like to have our students help create a Kindness rock garden. Culver's will be donating the rocks, kids will paint them and return them in bin to go to Culver's.
- Our staff would really like a die cutter machine. It is a larger item that would be used by all staff for many years. It will be \$6,299.
- Vote on die cutter machine. Everyone was in favor of buying the die cutter machine!
- 3rd Trimester Assembly will be on May 10th. It will be a local author Randi Moxi from Grayslake. We will have two shows. K-2 and 3-5. Kindness message, not judging.
- Nominations for next years PTO board: Katie Loepke for treasurer. An additional VP candidate: Kriss Heiser and Emily Lenzi.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Events (Amanda):** Spring Event May 16th from 5-7pm. We will have a kickball game with the staff like last year. Mr. Lotz will be our ref again. We have fake tattoos, food, raffle baskets, BOGO book fair will be going on as well.

**Fundraiser (Kim):** Color run April 26th check in at 5:15, run at 5:30. We do not have an exact total but our donations are a little over \$5,000. We have about 115-120 participants. We will have extra shirts and bags for sale at the run as well. We will have a sign up genius for volunteers, we need about 15-20 volunteers. The more the better. Unless there is lightning the run will be rain or shine.

**Staff Appreciation (Sarah):** May 6-10 is teacher appreciation. We have a theme and ideas for each day..but would like a committee to help put together everything for the week. If you're interested please stay 5/10 minutes after the meeting. Breakfast on Tuesday. We need another committee member to help with Teacher Appreciation.

**Communications (Beth):**

**Box Tops (Kriss):** New "Connect Your Walmart Account" app is connected to your credit card for purchases and now to box tops! Instant gratification! No longer need to submit receipts online.

**Mr. Lotz on Field Day:** One station will be bubbles and chalk. Would need funding for this station. Non-spillable containers for bubbles which have three wands each but then need to make bubble solution. Thinking approximately \$300 for bubbles and chalk.

**End of Meeting:** 7:17 called by Lauren seconded by Nikki.