

## August 2024 Agenda

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:36 by Melissa

Welcome everyone to our first meeting of the school year! Our 24/25 board is: Lauren Friar Co-President, Melissa Van Treeck Co-President, Kim Koop VP, Kristina Heiser VP, Emily Lenzie VP, Katie Loepke Treasurer, Nikki Pagels Secretary and Amanda Palmer Events Committee Chair

**Principals' Report:** The kids have been doing amazing. First day of inside recess is a little challenging but everyone did a great job. We are having a great first week.

### **Treasurer's Report: (Katie)**

- Budget for the year/approval
- We are in the process of changing bank info over from Danielle to Katie. Today we will go over our budget for the year. Most categories should stay the same, some may be tweaked.
- Last year we budgeted \$6500 for fundraisers but we exceeded that.
- Box tops are at \$40.50 for the new fiscal year which began in July.
- For dineouts we budgeted \$2,000. We made that with only two McDonalds dine outs. We also do well with Culvers dine out. We do Antoch pizza which we have next week and will be a battle of the grades. Our first dine out is usually the biggest as far as numbers. We will be over the \$2,000 budget so we can move the \$500 from online auction line to our dine outs. Everyone was ok with this.
- Family outings include a wolves game, timber ridge and urban air. For traditional fund raising we have a new one this year and also had a color run last year. Misc. includes donations. Spirit wear sales we are already close to last years numbers!
- As far as expenses for assemblies, we try to stick to \$3500.
  - We had Staley the Bear last year and they offer different programs so we will look into those for this year. It is hard to get an assembly that is fun and interesting for all of our grades (k-5). Amanda Palmer suggested a First Responders assembly where they bring K9 dogs, swag for kids, safety tips but we do already do things with the individual grades with fire fighters, red cross, different safety themes. Kriss mentioned a reptile show. Cold blooded parties is out of McHenry. We will look into that. One of our parents said she can check with Jesse White and the tumblerds because she has a connection. Edgebrook did a science assembly last year we can also look into. Ghost busters could be a fun option!!! They are said to be reasonably priced. One of our parents offered to look into that!
  - We are leaving the budget for assemblies.
- Budget for playground will stay the same. We budget money every year for the 5th grade field trip to the Center in Woodstock. We buy tastig snacks for the IAR tests (3rd, 4th and 5th graders) and science testing for 5th graders.
- Field Day budget is so we can buy needed supplies, 5th grade end of the year event is something simple like popsicles on the playground.

- School events: We buy pumpkins and prizes for Fall fun fair. Spring event we purchase raffle basket things. End of year party is just small prizes, and PTO meeting budget is for snacks we sometimes provide.
- For staff appreciation week we do something every day. Something for teachers, staff, bus drivers. We also buy snacks for kids in need of snacks. The school social worker lets us know when they are in need of snacks.

### **Old Business: (Melissa)**

- Kindergarten Meet and Greet was a success, thank you to all of those that helped and came to the event. We had a lot of families come. The kindergarten teachers are the stars of the party. We did wristbands for kids that coincided with their teacher so kids could see who is in their class.
- Spirit wear sales have done extremely well we sold \$1634 in spirit wear at supply drop off and \$723 at Kindergarten Kickoff. Wow!!
- Thank you to PTO today for providing all the parent packs, Mac & cheese and water we handed out on Tuesday. A big thank you to Lauren for hauling loads and loads of these and storing them at her house.

### **New Business:(Lauren)**

- Back to School Bash is this Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 at Shamrock Farm Park. Hoping for good weather. We have games, prizes, high school band, key club members to help. Pizzas will be \$15 for a large Papa John's pizza.
- August 20th is our Antioch Pizza fundraiser all day at the McHenry location must say Valley View when ordering and grade(battle of the grades)
- Our Raise Above fundraiser starts on 9/9-9/21 . Company is out of Northbrook. We are doing this with Parkland. Each teacher shows a video, kids get a boarding pass and passport with tasks in them they can complete. For simply participating, which includes sending out emails, kids will get a monster pillow that holds a pizza blanket. If you have kids art both schools the money they raise will be split evenly between the schools.
- Culver's fundraiser 9/25 5-8pm at the McHenry location. Teachers and staff volunteer to serve the food at this fundraiser and the kids LOVE this.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Events Committee: Amanda.** Back to school Bash tomorrow, details: we do not have a backup plan if it rains. If it rains that is when we will end the event. We will send out an email and print flyers tomorrow morning. We have tropical chill food truck coming for sweet treats. Cub scouts are volunteering, tattoo station, also spirit wear for sale.

**Box Top report:** Kriss will continue to make the newsletters and promote box tops. We can do trimester incentives again for first two trimesters and skip the end of the year.

Open for Comments: Order form for spirit wear for kindergarteners. This could be put on the school supply lists.

### **Closing - Adjournment:**