

## December 2023 PTO Meeting

**Call to order:** 6:33 called by Melissa, seconded by Lauren.

**Principal's Report:** We are doing lots of fun things. Pajama day today was fabulous!

Mr. W is doing his mural as part of a grant to pay for all of the supplies and for Mr. W's time. Students from the 5th grade classes have been working on it.

Yesterday the teachers had a gingerbread making contest and the students got to vote on them! The winning gingerbread house was the target store done by the kindergarten teachers!!!

This week we have been taking STAR tests. We take it in the fall and now. Meetings with teachers and staff take place in January with the data between the two test dates to see growth.

Next Thursday is early release!

Little Caesars fundraiser will be delivered on Monday. The profits will be used in the nature center outside. The industrial arts students at McHenry high school will make picnic tables and benches and graphics students are making new signs for the different plants and trees that are planted out there. This spring we will need volunteers to get the area ready!

Basketball hoops were purchased with a grant. These will be installed in the spring.

Family reading night at VV will be January 18th from 5:30-7pm and will include a "book cafe" theme. Classrooms will be set up as different cafes and books will center around those themes.

**Treasurer's Report: Danielle**

- Finance overview: Still working on getting a treasurer's report. McDonalds fundraiser is not included on this statement. We have about \$1,000 more than is reflected on the statements.
- Balance: Chase Bank: \$5,317.86 North Shore Bank: \$3,323.33

**Old Business:**

- The staff really enjoyed the conference meal provided by the PTO. Thank you Nikki, Katie & Emily for setting everything up!
- Our holiday chair, Kriss and the committee did a fantastic job with the holiday drive thru!! Thank you so much to everyone that helped at the Holiday Drive thru and thank you to all those that came! We had an amazing turnout and it ran very smoothly! The decorations and treats were perfect! A special thanks to our special guests Santa & the Grinch, they were awesome!
- Thank you to those that ordered from Papa Johns, we earned \$98.
- We received a check for \$172 from Conlon and Thompson
- Thank you to everyone that went to Panda Express last night, it was busy so hopefully it did well.
- Open gym day at Crystal Lake Gymnastics January 14th 2-4pm. Price for this event: \$8 for 1 child, \$15 for two children, \$20 for three children, \$25 for four children.
- 2nd assembly January 19th Staley the Bear. Bear down on Bullies theme
- Wolves game January 28th 3pm. A save the date will go out via email next week. Order forms will be sent out Jan 8th, a reminder on the 15th and orders will be due on Jan 22nd.
- 2024 PTO meeting dates January 11th, February 8th, March 7th, April 4th, May 9th
- We are doing a gift card drive through Monday to collect gift cards for the staff. They will go into a fun game Katie is creating. Hoping to bring the game around to teachers and staff on Wednesday morning around 10am.
- Timber Ridge Feb 15th 4-8pm. \$15/ticket and VV gets \$5 back per ticket.

**New Business**

- Shadowing for positions for next school years PTO board, is anyone interested in any of the positions on the board?
- Windy City Bulls game Friday March 15th 7pm at the NOW arena in Hoffman Estates. Tickets \$25 we would get \$5 a ticket back..if we sell 150 tickets we'd get \$10 per ticket back. VV would all be seated in the same section.
- Urban Air Thursday, February 29th \$15.99 without ropes course or \$21.99 for the ultimate wristband
- March dine out possibly McDonald's (waiting on dates back for March or April) otherwise Antioch Pizza unless anyone has other suggestions
- April color run & Chipotle
- May Culver's and spring event. Teacher and staff kickball game again!!!

**Committee Reports:**

**Events (Amanda):**

**Fundraiser (Kim)**

Color Run in April 26th 5:30p. 99 pledges, prize break down, order shirts, forms to go home in beginning of March due by spring break...(give enough time for shirt orders) We will meet in January with anyone who wants to be on the committee!!

**Staff Appreciation (Sarah):** Sarah got us an awesome prize to use at color run. A ride to school in a firetruck. Whoever raises the most money for the color run will get this prize!

**Communications: (Beth):**

**Community Outreach (Sam)**

**Box Tops(Kriss):** Might need a new bulletin board for the Box Tops information.

**End of meeting 7:17** called by Melissa, seconded by Lauren.