

March 2024 PTO Meeting

Call to order: 6:32 called by Melissa and seconded by Kim

Principal's Report: Things are busy, we are counting down to spring break. This week was Read Across America week. We had community readers come to the school. We had some people from the district, a school board member. We have done buddy crafts, book marks.

Tomorrow the high school is bringing some winter and spring athletes come visit our classrooms and read. Next week the 5th graders take the IL science assessment test. This is a 3 day test. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. After spring break grades 3,4, and 5 take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Reading portion is taken one week and math the next week.

A kindergarten friend won the ride to school in a police car that was raffled off in our star store. We have a couple new things in the star store which were a big hit today. Guest chef, bracelet making with Mrs. Cohn. We added lunch with a warrior athlete! The new athletic director at McHenry High School is working with Mrs. Cohn to increase involvement. Also partnering with the football players to come get the kids off the bus in the morning, take them to the playground for morning meeting. There is a lot going on!!

The auditorium at MCHS cannot hold all of us so we wont be able to see their Shrek play. We will be on their list for next year. Amanda reached out to other high schools in the area to see if there are any other plays we could see.

Johnsburg HS is putting on Descendants. This is a possible school we could visit for our 3rd trimester field trip. Individual grades do have other field trips planned. 5th grade goes to a play, 2nd grade goes bowling, 4th grade goes to Moraine Hills.

Mrs. Kowalski mentioned the laser light assembly that was done in years past(2011). Science assemblies Lake Geneva might have been the company that put on the laser show. Jessie White tumblers was another enjoyable assembly Valley View has had in the past.

Treasurer's Report: Balances as of 2/29: Chase \$8,099.22. NSB \$3,721.85. Total: \$11,821.07 we are still transitioning over from north shore bank to chase bank. Zelle has been awesome for us. It is so easy for families to pay.

Old Business

- Windy City Bulls Game March 15th. Tickets can be bought online with link. Tickets are \$25. Our percentage that we will make depends on the number of tickets sold. We could do a flier for this event.
- Timber Ridge was such a hit, we sold out on tickets & made \$1000. Next year we will ask for 200 spots in our contract. We hope to do this again for a back to school event in early september.
- Urban Air did really well \$251.67
- We purchased snacks for kids that need snack at Valley View from Costco \$54.22
- For bus driver appreciation we dropped off Kit Kats for all the bus drivers. We have 11 bus drivers now.

New Business:

- Recess aides have requested we purchase pants to keep in the office for kids that have accidents or fall/get wet or really muddy outside. However this is not something that the school does anymore, it is a lot to store in the office. Instead we can send an email reminding parents to send extra clothes to school in a ziploc baggie.
- We are purchasing an incubator for the chick eggs in Mrs. Clingingsmith class. It will be used yearly and students in other classes will be able to visit chicks too. It will arrive March 17th \$106.99 with tax
- Third trimester prize for the star store is a Buncho Balloons Water Slide set
- McDonald's fundraiser will be April 16th. We will send out a sign up genius for staff before spring break. We can make new tip containers for event. McDonalds orders shirts for everyone that participates. And we can sell the apple pies again.
- Spring event planning for May 16th, please stay after a few minutes if you want to be on the committee. We will have the raffle baskets, staff kickball game, BOGO book fair. Grade level baskets: Ideas Outside fun, Red White and Blue BBQ. gift card baskets, Movie night basket, Happy Jacks, Sweet Pea, Just 4 You treats, Squishmallow, Cubs /Sox baskets. Packers/Bears baskets.
- Culver's night, Tuesday April 30th. Teachers and staff will get a sign up genius for this dine out event.
- Field Day is set for May 23, 2024. Rain date will be 5/24. Mr. Lotz attended the meeting. Olympics has been discontinued after many years. It is challenging to get the weather to cooperate for so many consecutive days. Field day is still in the planning stages. A T-shirt is being designed by our spirit wear company that we

can offer to the students for an affordable price. Some ideas for field day: bubble and chalk station. 15 minute stations with 2 classes per station. Blow Up obstacle course is another possibility if the PTO can help offset the cost. Froggy 2 Jump has a couple of options. Parents will be able to volunteer but not come to watch. Grades 3-5 in the morning before lunch, grades K-2 in the afternoon after their lunch. 8 stations, 15 minutes each.

Committee Reports:

Events (Amanda): If anyone is interested in helping with the spring event please stay for a few minutes after the meeting to discuss. Mr. Lotz will ref again! Tattoos, sign making, book fair, maybe ice cream sandwiches from Freddy's.

Fundraiser (Kim):

Color Run date April 26th, details: it will be at Valley View. Fliers will go home tomorrow. Thank you Kriss for making the fliers. Our goal if we reach a certain amount of pledges would be to have Kona Ice come out to the school. Mr. Lotz is letting us borrow cones.

Staff Appreciation (Sarah): May 6-10 is teacher appreciation week. We will plan something for each day of the week. Meet early before next meeting to discuss the days/theme.

Communications (Beth): n/a

Community Outreach (Sam): n/a

Box Tops (Kriss): We need to plan a day for the pajama and popcorn party for the Kindergarten classes. Maybe before Spring break?

End of Meeting: called at 7:24 by Lauren seconded by Nikki