

## November 4, 2022 PTO Meeting

**Call to order:** 6:34 called by Nikki and seconded by Jessica

### **Principal's Report:**

- Everyone was happy to come to the family fun night. Starbucks are back and the Star store has been run by the PTO twice in October. Large prizes and experiences are on the "menu" this year. Pie a Teacher is a popular one that kids are saving up for.
- As far as behavior is concerned we are focusing on Star behavior in the cafeteria. We have a new mural and each grade level works on having their rockets move up to earn a grade level celebration. Encouraging team work and working toward common goal.
- Social Emotional Learning SEL is part of every day for the students. Our morning meetings encourage STAR behavior. Report cards will be available soon. Parent Teacher Conference sign ups came out this past Monday. Parents have the option to choose virtual or in-person conferences.
- Something new our district is doing is a pacing guide, informing teachers how long curriculum should take to teach. There are also standards assessments to show us which classes are understanding and how we can help each other. Teachers do not know what will be on the assessments. The data came in and staff and teachers were able to look at that at their staff meeting.
- The district will be adopting a new math curriculum for next year. Teachers were involved in evaluating and choosing the new curriculum. A program called Mentor Moms will be coming to our school. We are the pilot school for the district. We will have 8 moms total, they will work in the bilingual classes starting next Wednesday. They applied and were interviewed, they came and were able to see the school. There will be a follow-up presentation at the School Board meeting in the Spring.
- Early release tomorrow, teachers will be looking at data from SEL assessments. Interventions for students who need this can be planned.

### **Treasurer's Report: Danielle**

- Finance overview:
- Checks/expenses
- Balance : \$10,044.94

### **Old Business:**

- Thank you so much to everyone that participated in Chipotle Fundraiser (\$417.65) Papa John's (\$130.35) and Usborne card fundraiser - we sold 113 boxes of cards & made \$1489 to use towards the 2nd and 3rd trimester assemblies.
- We are collecting candy in the Candy Witch until 11/7. Conlon and Thompson will double the donation for the school that has the most likes (our candy witch) on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Food drive is currently going on until November 16th for McHenry FISH pantry. We need volunteers to take food to the FISH pantry from 11-1:30 on November 17th. It is located behind the Moose lodge. Frank and Sarah volunteered to help deliver the donations.
- We will be providing a meal for staff during conferences on Tuesday. We're thinking fruit, bagels and cream cheese, k cups? Amy offered to bring baked goods! Apple cider?
- Papa John's fundraiser on November 8th. We get 10% of sales for the night regardless of whether or not you are a Valley View family.

### **New Business:**

- Wendy's Fundraiser on November 15th 5-8pm must show flyer and they'll donate 30%
- Date for Holiday Event: Thursday, December 8th from 6-7:30. Milk and cookies will be served. Photos with Santa or the Grinch, staff members will read holiday stories, we will check with Mrs. Griswold to see if we can use her room for stories. Card making station to send to nursing homes. Maybe ornament making too. New spirit wear as well- SOCKS!! We are looking for volunteers to wrap empty boxes for our photo background. Teacher wish list giving tree Sarah offered to make 150 ornaments for this and hopefully loan us her stand alone fireplace. Door decorating for classrooms and everyone can vote at the holiday event. Winners will receive rewards again like the Pumpkin Contest. Key Club members will come again to help, supervise.
- Staff favorites lists will be updated! We can have the binder out

- Looking to book an assembly for the 2nd trimester. We found an Illustrator (Dan Laib) his options include: how to draw an art show, digging deep into your imagination or magic and art show. This seems like a better option than a laser show. Will try to book for Jan or Feb. BMX show is booked for spring.
- Looking into fun family outings/fundraisers for the winter. Art night? We plan on doing tubing again at Wilmot-we got a discount by going as a group last year. A family mentioned the Wolves game too.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events (Lauren)**

Holiday event planning and volunteers decorations needed

- Cookies and milk, Santa and grinch photo/visit, card decorating station, holiday stories read by staff, card decorating station, vote on decorated doors. Maybe offer plastic ornaments for sale and then students can stuff them/ personalize them in gym. Ask for Key club members can help and Teacher volunteers for stories.

**Fundraiser (Kim)**

- December 6th Papa John's, Dec 12th -15th Kojaks fundraiser (we get 15% back). Possibly...: Jersey Mike's for January & McDonalds for February?
- Wreath Sales a possibility? Coin Wars? Rolling Raffle? Outdoor movie night in the (late) spring if that is allowed? Concessions? Could also reach out to the outdoor theater and have a movie night as a fundraiser instead? End of year Woodstock Water Works date? Walk-a-thon? Color Run? Adult Night? Teachers vs teacher kickball game??

**Box Top Chair (Tara) report:** we have 149.20 currently. A flier for Amazon Smile and Boxtops will be going out next week with a how-to for signing up. Before the holidays.

**Our next meeting will be December 1st.**

**End of meeting:** 7:46 called by Nikki, seconded by Melissa.