

November 2023 PTO Meeting

Call to order: 6:33 called by Lauren, seconded by Kim

Principal's Report: Mrs. Sharp gave the report: We are close to conferences! Tomorrow is the raffle drawing for Star Store squishmallow. Raffle item for next trimester is in the works. The PTO is trying to get a police escort to school for the student who wins the raffle. For conferences we will have about 60 staff at the school.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle

- Finance overview: biggest expense \$1275 for assembly
- Balances: First National Bank: \$3,879.89 ChaseBank: \$4,900.43
- We had \$2300 this month in expenses and made \$2350 so we are up about \$50. Still working on an official treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Thank you so much to everyone that participated in the Chipotle fundraiser (\$158)
- We had our 1st assembly Illinois Storm Chasers: it was a little more geared toward the older grades but everyone loved the tornado at the end.
- McDonald's was an amazingly successful event, we made \$1000 Thank you everyone!
- Conlon and Thompson Buy Back, we had just over 172lbs of candy, which is awesome thank you!! We earn \$1 per pound which is great!
- Papa Johns night November 28th
- Open gym day at Crystal Lake Gymnastics January 14th 2-4pm. Prices are not definite yet. Working on bundle package for multiple children
- 2nd assembly January 19th Staley the Bear
- Wolves game January 28th 3pm

New Business

- Conference dinner for staff, we ordered sandwiches and salad from Adam's sandwich shop in McHenry they are giving us 10% off (total \$342). Currently we have 8 platters (12, 3 inch sandwiches on each platter) and a 5lb salad, we have lots of Individual bags of chips and drinks...should we order more than that? Nikki will be dropping off sandwiches. Amanda P, Emily and Katie offered to help too. Time for drop off to be determined
- Melissa attended a district PTO meeting, the presidents are going to try to work together in the district to share helpful info and possibly group assemblies together for better pricing etc. More details to come.
- Panda Express Fundraiser Wednesday, December 13th...waiting for final approval. We're thinking of color contest in restaurant or Pictures with Comet...maybe with a Santa hat?
- Urban Air idea: include passes for teachers in the future? The kids love seeing teachers and staff at the events.
- Teacher grants are something we did in the past but stopped doing during covid. We had a request come in from Ms.Scott. Do we want to offer grants with extra money that came in from fundraisers/dineouts? If so total for this request is about \$100
- Limit for grants would be \$100. and everyone agreed this is a good idea. Parameters for grants will be discussed but this one is being approved on a case by case basis.
- 2024 PTO meeting dates: January 11th, February 8th, March 7th, April 4th,, May 9th
- Feb 15th Timber Ridge open swim from 4-8 pm no school on Friday so kids can stay and play later. They will be offering deals for overnight stays but this will not go toward our sales.

Committee Reports:

Events (Amanda): Holiday Drive Thru, Dec. 7th 6-7pm (Kriss will be helping organize this event) Holiday Event details: Scavenger hunt activity as cars drive through.Christmas music playing, Santa will be there to hand out cocoa packets and candy canes. Volunteers are needed to hand out scavenger hunt papers, reindeer food, set up, take down. If anyone has extra inflatables we can use that would be great. The front sidewalk will be decorated, cars will follow the pickup line direction. Thinking 200 of each for cocoa, grinch dust, reindeer food, candy canes. Should we do more than 200? We will also have a food drive during the Holiday drive thru. People can drop prepackaged, non-perishable items off as they arrive and grab a scavenger hunt list. To wrap up the night we are hoping to have one or more teachers read holiday stories online after the event on Google Meet.

Fundraiser (Kim)

Color Run : April 26th 5:30pm? or other suggestions. Kim will put together a committee for this event, see her if you are interested in helping. Edgebrook PTO highly recommended 99 pledges, there is a small charge card processing fee per transaction but otherwise there are no other fees to use the service and 99 pledges does not take any percentage of fundraising profits. More planning for this will begin in January and February.

Staff Appreciation (Sarah):

- Theme for conference dinner is “ No SUBstitute for what you do”. Poem about all parts of a sandwich that Sarah is making as well.
- Holiday gift for staff. Last meeting a gift card punch game was mentioned. Do we want to do a gift card drive asking for gift cards \$5 and up? Other ideas for gifts? Staff favorites are also available if people want to purchase additional things for teachers and staff. These will be re-posted as well.
- PTO at Sarahs school got canvas bags for every kindergartener which they painted and will be used as winter gear bags. Very nice idea.
- School field trip to see a play at the High School is another idea. Saves money and the kids love these types of things.

Communications: (Beth): November newsletter was sent out. Working on December newsletter soon. News for the Holiday drive thru will be sent out via email, maybe a flier as well and can also be in the newsletter.

Community Outreach (Sam)

Box Tops(Kriss): \$237.60 currently. First trimester popsicle party went to kindergarten. These have not been delivered yet but it will be coordinated. Popcorn and PJ party theme for second trimester.

End of meeting 7:31 called by Lauren and seconded by Kim.