

October 2023 PTO Meeting

Call to order: 6:33 called by Lauren

Principal's Report: Star store today was newly organized and it looked awesome! We will pull the first winner to read to Oakley tomorrow and they will read to him next Friday. Originally there was going to be one winner from each grade level, but might increase that to two per grade level. We are working on using grant money from covid funds. Grants are being written to make calming corners for classrooms and a break table for Kindergarten wing. Would create 4 different tables around the building with sensory things, fidgets, carts to store items so more kids can have access. These items would add up to about \$3000, hoping to get that from the state. Next Wednesday is Unity day, kids are encouraged to wear orange. Tomorrow is the first assembly of the year with Storm Chasers. First music concert for 3rd grade will be in November.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle

- Finance overview: biggest expense \$1155 check to pay for 5th grade Challenger field trip
- Balance : \$8506 (\$2543 Chase & \$5966.00 North Shore) still waiting on check from Culvers and Urban Air. A large deposit went in after the fall fest will be on the next statement.

Old Business:

- Thank you so much to everyone that participated in the Culver's Fundraiser (\$575) and Urban Air (\$197)
- Fall event great turn out! Thank you to everyone that helped make it a big success! 50/50 made \$110
- We're \$200 away from hitting our assembly goal! Chipotle is next Tuesday night, must show flyer to count
- We have thank you cards for the Willingham family, DeRisi Family for PTO donations, & Local Harvest, Herb and Produce for donating all the pumpkins
- Assembly tomorrow (Illinois Storm Chasers)
- McDonalds Night will be Nov 7th 4:30-7:30
- Papa Johns night November 28th
- For custodian appreciation the stars and starburst were hung back by the custodian break room.

New Business:

- Conlon & Thompson Candy buy back will start Nov 1st. The witch will be in the front hall for candy Donations. Candy is donated to active military and veterans. Flyers are provided by Conlon and Thompson. We get \$1 per pound of candy, up to \$200. If we post pictures of our candy collection and get the most likes there is an additional prize.
- Open Gym day at Crystal Lake Gymnastics 2-4pm Sunday, January 14th. We can put flyers together for this. Cost is \$5 per student. Might offer a deal for additional kids.
- 2nd Assembly with Staley from the Bears will be Jan 19th. He does the bear down on Bullies theme. He is very energetic and great with kids. He can use the area behind the gym, Mr. Lotz's office, for costume changes.
- Wolves game: January 28th 3pm. Everyone from VV will be in the same section. More info to come, tickets will be at Will Call Office
- Timber Ridge Night Thursday, February 15th. Kids do not have school on Friday. Open swim 5-8pm, no outside food is allowed.
- For December Panera is currently not scheduling fundraisers for McHenry location. We could look into Wendy's or Jersey Mikes. Rita's during the summer or end of school event at Veterans park? Ice skating? Some mentioned over the holiday break? Bowling or open gym event over holiday break?
- Holiday Drive Thru December 7th 1 hr (5:30-6:30 or 6-7), holiday decorations needed for sidewalk, treat bags, donation box supply bar for staff, reindeer or grinch food & picture with Santa at the end. Anything else? Cocoa, marshmallows. Donation area for classroom supplies, kleenex, disinfecting wipes, etc.
- Movie night in the gym would be fun. We have a huge screen in there. Can sell concessions, kids bring blankets and wear their pajamas, There is a portable DVD player or stream it. Probably easier to use a DVD than stream.
- Multicultural Dine Outs: Switch it up with different cuisine!! Ideas include La Trinidad, Sakura, Plum Garden, Green PeaPod

Committee Reports:

Events (Amanda): Feed back from Fall event. Timing with decorating the pumpkins was nice, gave teachers flexibility. However, a couple of pumpkins started to go bad.

Fundraiser (Kim)

Color Run by in April. Kim will put together a committee for this event, see her if you are interested in helping out! Anyone can run without raising money but there would be tiers where you raise a certain amount of money and you get certain fun items as incentives. We would run the color run instead of using the outside company. Profits could be used for something the school needs. Nice to have a fundraising goal.

Edgebrook is doing a walk-a -thon right now and it is going well, maybe we can look into that too.

Staff Appreciation (Sarah): Conference dinner for staff on Monday, Nov. 20th. Should we have a theme or just keep it simple? Who is available to help with set up? Ideas: Adam's deli - sandwiches, soups. Number of staff members here during conference is near 60. Paraprofessionals are not here, secretaries are here. Dinner break is 5-6pm. Gift cards for teachers so they can purchase supplies that they need when they need them.

Communications: (Beth):

Community Outreach (Sam): Sam's previous suggestions were organizing a parent's night out. And organizing Room Parents to be an advocate for the teacher and class.

Box Tops(Kriss): \$216.50 is our current amount raised by Boxtops App. Many people have downloaded the app but they need to scan a receipt to get the bonus points. The next trimester theme will be a popcorn PJ party. There will be a new leader board for the next trimester. Numbers will start from zero again.

End of meeting: 7:37 Called by Melissa