**Gene Witt PTO Minutes**

**February 2, 2023**

**2022-2023 PTO Board**

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Call to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Old Business (Carla)**

* **Santa’s Workshop**
  + This was our best to date. Sherry did awesome.
  + **Shannon:** We had around $12,169 in profits.
* **Bubbaques spirit event**
  + We sold 85 meals this time around.
  + **Shannon:** The profit will be around $752 after printing costs.
* **Movie Night** 
  + We had 290 people (86 families) RSVP, 250 came. We used every bit of the cafeteria that we could. It was our first movie night, we probably bought too much food but we’re working on that.

**New Business (Carla)**

* **Daughter Dance**
  + The dance will be on Friday, February 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Flyers will come home soon. The theme is A Night in Hollywood.
* **Penny Wars** 
  + This will be the week of President’s Day because January had a lot going on. More details will come out in the next couple of days. The jars will be set up in a common area, e.g. in the memorial area.
  + Every grade will have a jar and kids will bring in change and bills. Pennies and bills count as positive, silver (nickels, dimes, quarters) deduct money.
  + The winning grade will have some sort of celebration, to be determined. We will put that info on Facebook.

**Mrs. Dixon:** At the instructional team meeting, it was asked if PTO could please advertise Box Tops monthly, and Amazon Smile.

**Shannon:** Amazon smile has ended.

**Carla:** Box Tops is all online now, we do not get a lot of money from it.

**Cara:** I will add it to the next PTO email.

**Carla:** Let’s also start sending out a notice monthly about Lost and Found items.

**Mrs. Dixon:** Yes, please tell parents that if items are not collected by a certain date, they are donated to charity.

**Mini Grants (Shannon)**

* **Clinic:** The clinic put in a mini grant request, but they have not spent any of their PTO fund so the purchases came out of that. It was for: a thermometer ($310) and a LifeVac home kit ($62.96). If child is choking, you put over their mouth, pull out and it sucks the object out. The kit works for adults and children.
* **2nd Grade:** Their wagon for recess equipment disappeared during construction. $86.88. APPROVED. (They also just recently ordered a bunch of equipment to go in there.)
* **2nd Grade:** Really for all teachers, they are requesting two more benches for the backside of the playground near the fence line to put under the covered area in the shade. This is an area where kids like to go and teachers need to be there to supervise. Estimate $1,346, may get a discount. Will go with cheapest option. APPROVED.

**Chat and Chew**

**Mrs. Dixon:** Our staff is going through a professional development program focused on high-effects strategies. Gathering once a month, three more times this school year. We would love some parents donate light breakfast items. Items can be dropped off ahead. Usually about 55 people. In addition to the one in February, the other dates are March 30 and May 4.

**Carla:** We will set up a Sign-Up Genius. The first one will be a yogurt parfait bar. We will put in some ideas for suggested donations and leave some spots open for other ideas.

**Jessie Brown:** Can there be a spot for parents to donate cash toward food?

**Carla:** At this point, we do not have a committee chair to go buy items, so we will just request food donations for now.

**Fifth-Grade Water Bottles, Field Trip**

**Mrs. Guida:** The fifth-grade teachers would like to buy fifth-grade students insulated water bottles again for field day as a keepsake. Should we make it a yearly line item in the PTO budget or do it year by year as a mini grant?

**Mrs. Burke:** The bottles would not have the school logo, just their names. It’s a tie-dye pattern. We have a phone call in to get the price. We have 102 students.

**Shannon:** I would keep it as a mini grant, it is easier for the budgets revenue vs expense line.

**Mrs. Burke:** The fifth-graders will be going to Kennedy Space Center, we are sending out flyers to parents this week. There will be a limited number of chaperones this year. There will be a lottery, perhaps 11-12 per class. I do not know why there is a limit. Mrs. Schuneman is handling those details.

**Ashley Bradshaw:** Are parents allowed to drive their own kids there?

**Mrs. Dixon:** The policy is that students must arrive on the bus, but parents can check their kids out to take them home.

**Mrs. Burke:** There are seatbelts on the bus and we hand pull each one before the bus leaves.

**Memory Bricks (Carla)**

Flyers will be going home next week, due back Feb 17. Should arrive in April. Rosann is going to check on the bricks and make sure they match the existing ones.

**Dates to note (Carla)**

Spring and class pictures will be on Wednesday, February 15 so there will be no running club that day. Also, there is a Quarter 3 date change with Kona Ice. PTO is paying for every child to get a Kona Ice.

**Kindergarten Roundup (Shannon)**

* March 10, 9-12 p.m., we currently have two people who have volunteered to give tours. If you are able and willing to help, please let me know.
* You give parents tours, show them the STEM, music, and art rooms, the playground, a classroom and then you’re done. Tours go in 15-minute increments. You receive a map and an agenda of what to talk on. It’s very easy, 5th graders love to do it.

**Food Truck Rally (Mike Lynch)**

* March 29, Wednesday night
* I need to contact the food trucks.
* Carla: I already asked Kona to save the date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.