

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2019

Call to Order 7:17 pm

Board

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Old Business (Shannon)

- Otis (Marcie Hackman and Eve Paquet, Co-Chairs)
 - Prize Party was November 7 and 8. First day went well and continues tomorrow on the 8th to include pie in the face.
- Spirit Night at Chick Fil A raised \$319.40
- Monster Mash Raised \$903.00
 - Good turnout even with the weather.
- Spirit Night at Wolves Head raised \$225.00

Budget (Bjorn)

- Reviewed the budget as of November 6, 2019
- The PTO has met its fundraising goal already for this year and still have Carnival and Santa's Workshop coming up.
 - Still need volunteers to run projects. Need to be aware as there may be concerns with funding some projects to then see the improvements torn out during renovation/construction.
- Otis – Ended higher than last year due to higher on-line sales this year.
- Promethean Boards – check is written but has not yet cleared (\$19,728). End amount was slightly more than originally expected due to price differences from previous year.
- Family Fun Events currently includes \$6,000 which is still unspent from the Art and the Science Clubs. These need to be spent on those activities as they are not intended to be fundraisers.
- Shade Sail – waiting for information on progress on design. The money previously approved is set aside and waiting.

Mini Grants (Shannon)

- No new mini grants at this meeting.

New Business

- Schoolvite Information
 - There are two links
 - i. Community Link provides NO access to a class list; no list is created. Parents can send the link to family and friends and FB etc to drive use.
 - ii. Classroom link provides the option to join a class list. It also provides an ALL or NONE option for birthday party invites.
 - This was presented last year in the fall to the PTO. At the time, the PTO did not move forward and chose to sit back and understand the school board's approach.

- There were concerns last year about kids not being invited/included in party invitations and gave strong feedback on that concern.
- Essentially the landing page for the school becomes a fundraising site. The program has 200 local vendors/businesses/event venue signed up that provide a discount and then the school receives some donation (similar to Amazon Smiles).
- Have decided to have the representative come back to discuss.
- Carnival Brainstorming meeting will be Friday November 15 at 8:25 am in the cafeteria.
 - It is for anyone that wants to be on the committee or help out.
- Increasing volunteerism
 - Discussion around how to get more families involved in the PTO and supporting/assisting with events. This issue was also discussed earlier in the evening at the SAC meeting. Need to look for ways to incentivize people to participate in planning of activities and providing input to the PTO. Some thoughts that were suggested is perhaps looking at volunteer hours for one or two grades to get the kids involved and by extension more of the parents. Perhaps a dinner at the end of the year to spotlight volunteers . There is a need for this to be visible at events. Also suggestion to have more face-to-face interaction with parents to ask for assistance.
- Mornings with Mom – Laura Search and Jessica Patterson, Co-Chairs
 - November 19 and 20 7:15 – 8:20
- Helping Hands – Eve Paquet and Shannon Cooley, Co-Chairs
 - Wednesday November 13, 2019 8:30

Notes and Upcoming Dates:

- November 11 – NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
- November 13 – Helping Hands – 8:30 Cafeteria
- November 15 – Learning Express (all day) 10% discount Can call in your order if you cannot attend
- November 19 - 20 – Mornings with Mom – 7:15 am – 8:20 am 11/19 last name A – L and 11/20 last name M -Z
- November 22 – Box Tops due
- November 25 – 29th – Thanksgiving Break
- December 2 – Spirit Night at UTC (skating and sledding)
- December 4 – Early Release 1:40 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:51 pm