

Fishing Creek Elementary School September 2017 PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Liz L. – has kindergartener, Teacher Mrs. Lisa Wagoner, Lisa Crum Principal, Amy M., Julie K. has first grader, Carrie Williams has kindergartener, Zucker, Alyssa S., Bambi Arnold, Erica, Denise McCarthy, Teacher Mr. Chris Schroeder, Coiner – kindergarten, Maria –child has Mrs Sullivan, Tory W., Cathy D. daughter paige, Jaime Manning, Lori Weber, Allison Jackson, Suzy Meanor, Sommer Keller, Kim Lehmen

Motion for the minutes to be approved from May 2017

Maria motioned, Schroeder seconded

Principal's report

Mrs. Crum – Gave a welcome back – mentioned some of the things the PTO does

- Kids KAP program began – all day kindergarten (17 students – 7 from Fairview)
- KAP kids right on target or higher than mainstream kindergarteners
- First and second graders have been dibeled – helps determine which children need title one assistance – which is funding from state and federal government for reading help
- K-5 assessed in dibel math – helps teachers plan instruction
- Grades 3-5 use Study Island – benchmark assessments on the computers ELA and math
- There will be additional ipads for k-2 rooms: 12 in each classroom (currently have 6)
- k-2 will have same reading program as 3-5 which will help with benchmarks to literacy – consistency*
- Student council elections are happening, representatives for 3,4,5 grades
- School Gate Guardian – district wide – is new school security measure– An adult's license is scanned, office will give you a sticker to wear (that is time sensitive), scan on your way out too then they know you have left
- Our school will be knocked down and become k-4, probably not within the next two years – they are doing a north and a south – feeder school concept. We will be able to stay – almost five hundred kids – we have enough land to build still
- Pick up procedures: cafeteria door – its been a problem
- Picture day Tuesday October 3rd
- Spring pictures are partly a fundraiser for FC school
- Shark tickets – short explanation – 2/3 names pulled per class – kids get little prizes at the office
- Parent question – school transportation buses have been late – philly school district was filling in until permanent drivers were found. Mrs. Crum said sometimes they let us know they are late sometimes they don't. FYI kindergarteners are not let off the bus unless a parent is there to get them
- Maria asked – school guardian system– Mrs. Crum answered that licenses will get swiped every visit* school nurse will do TB test for \$10 – good for 5 years – documents can be emailed to Mrs. Machamer

Faculty Report

Mrs. Tarsi – staff really excited about the new reading program – thanked PTO for the RAZ kids that PTO paid for – it's a reading program with a user name and password that can be used at home and it helps the child progress. Book It program – reading programs – pile of the Pizza Hut coupons – can teachers just handle it themselves – students get immediate feedback* easier on teachers too. Teachers asked about who is doing box tops and will they get the letter. K-2 is ok with reading program change. Mrs. Tarsi will check with the upper grades.

President's Report

Allison Jackson reported that there is an open PTO board position of vice president. The VP is in charge of the butterfly garden, attending District Voices (5x a year there is a meeting Dr. Stoltz, 5 community at large members, one school member from each school), and school newsletter

Christy Musselman volunteered to go to the District Voice

Treasurer's Report

Lori Weber presented the closed budget from 2016/2017 as a report called *July 31st 2017*. Suzy made a motion to pass the Report July 31st 2017.- Amy seconded- all ayes no nays

Lori Weber presented the 2017-2018 PTO Budget

- Christy Musselman asked if expenses and revenues have to be balanced – answer is yes, which is why the budget shows there must be \$25,000 in revenue this year to meet \$25,000 in anticipated expenses
- Tarsi – Giant rewards question – answer don't have to reregister every year
- The Educational Gift (scholarship for graduating seniors) was discussed. A vote was taken whether to keep the Educational Gift as a line item on the budget. 17 people voted Yes to Keep the \$2000, 5 voted they were opposed. Vote is official to keep budget item Educational Gift at \$2000 on the budget
- Donation envelopes went out beginning of the year, PTO has received \$600 to date
- Parent concern – Father/daughter dance why can't it include boys. There was parent discussion. Mrs. Crum mentioned this is a hot topic across the district. The PTO board noted an event has been added for Mothers/sons – will probably be Glow in the Dark Bingo. The parents took a vote on whether to keep the Father/daughter dance. 20 voted yes , one voted opposed. The Father/daughter Dance will continue
- Christy motioned to approve the 2017/2018 Budget, Ron seconded

September 2017 Finance Report presented by Lori Weber

Christy made a motion to accept the report, Alyssa seconded

Committee Reports

- A list of all the PTO school events for 2017/2018 is on the back of the PTO Agenda
- Family Fun Night September 28th – Ron asked if they need clearances to volunteer – no because parents are with children at our school events
- The Turkey Trot event was explained after a question was raised
- There are folders for every event that have all event information
- Suzy, chair of the shoe box project, encouraged parents to send in their used shoes

Motion to Adjourn

- Maria motioned and Jaime seconded to adjourn