

## **PTO OCTOBER Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Called to order at 9:35am

### **I. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

- a) Approved April and September Board Meeting Minutes (Approved: Dawn Dellinger, Second: Taylor Parmigiano)

### **II. Principal's Update**

- a) Finished First 9 weeks, report cards will go home in folders next Tuesday.
- b) Parent teacher conferences are underway for all grade levels
- c) Lots of October happenings (character parades, red ribbon week, trunk or treat, etc.)
- d) New Receptionist should be coming. Completed interviews, just checking references now
- e) New 4<sup>th</sup> Life Skills Para has been hired. Allocation was approved in September and found a great hire.
- f) Bucks for Bush starting 10/21

### **III. President's Update**

- a) Watch the rezoning zoom that was put out 10/2, lots of info on all the rezoning scenarios. 16 current scenarios have been proposed. January will be a new meeting with narrowed down number of scenarios. Still unsure if it will be a K4 campus or K6.
  - i. Factors that are being looked at include: geographical proximity, demographic factors, future enrollments, transportation, rezoned in the past, nowhere else to build in The Woodlands feeder zone.
  - ii. Fosters Ridge/Rivers Edge will likely be moved to the new school because of geographical proximity.
- b) Playground history- Who pays for the upgrades/fixes to current playground? EZ Foster (Director of Planning and Construction) says it is the districts responsibility, so we are currently looking into the records to see who actually purchased our playground when school was originally built.
- c) Approval of Balance Beam addition to the playground to replace the non-working one there now. Cost from CISD Vendor is \$7,475, has approval from Exec Board. (Approval: Danielle Dobecka, Second: Taylor Parmigiano).
- d) Sunshade Grants- passing on this for now. Cost is \$21K, grant only gives us \$8K so PTO would be responsible for \$13K to replace the sunshade. Not sure the future of the playground with the new gym being built so putting this purchase on pause until we have clear path for the new gym.

### **IV. Communications Update**

- a) October Newsletter coming out next week, will spotlight volunteers.
  - i. Want to spotlight teachers and staff so Mrs. Thompson will send out info to the Bush staff on this.



## V. Fundraising Update

- a) \$17,000 raised so far and Danielle is picking up another \$3,000 from Dr. Vaclaw this week so we will be at \$20K raised so far! Amazing job Danielle!!!
- b) SPIRIT NIGHTS- OCTOBER 10/21- Chick-fil-a. NOVEMBER- 11/20 Learning Express, 10/18-21 Papa Johns, DECEMBER- IV Drip Bar.
- c) BUCKS FOR BUSH: packets went out to teachers yesterday, so they will be coming home this week. Parents can edit their kids pages 10/18-10/21, official launch 10/21.
  - i. MTK Interface so each class is a “team”- much more user friendly this year! You can click the link and send via your social media accounts and emails, etc.
  - ii. 10/21 Pep Rally and Official Launch!
  - iii. Video for pep rally coming this week!
  - iv. Ends 11/8
  - v.
  - vi. 12/13 Jingle Bell Run
- d) BRICKS- 4<sup>th</sup> graders that raise \$200 or above will automatically get a brick in their name. Alumni bricks can be purchased for \$200.

## VI. Programs Update

- a) Trunk or Treat- Lots of candy already coming in. 10 trunks have signed up so far and wanting about 15 more. Realized it's the same night as The Woodlands Homecoming game. Mrs. Thompson will send out a text and email about signing up for trunks. Teacher trunks will be signing up as well.
  - i. Will be selling Spirit Wear there, need credit card swipes to take CC since cash will be too cumbersome because we have to charge taxes.
  - ii. Kacie will connect with Tessa about hayride.

## VII. Programs Update

- a) Sponsor found for Chess Club (Mrs. Renetzky), working on meeting time and place.
- b) Watch DOGS: parking sign came in and will be installed. They will do a trunk for trunk or treat. Also, getting Waste Management sign for the hallway. Sign up genius going out for carline help during Red Ribbon week. Umbrellas ordered.

## VIII. Services Update

- a) YEARBOOK: Yearbook Update- Sales YTD: 124 yearbooks sold (77 in spirit wear packages, 47 online). Fine tune the process to make sure no yearbooks get lost in Josten database, especially ones purchased with a spirit wear package. **Goal:** 525 yearbooks. Changing Vendor this year- Positive experience with Jostens. User-friendly software and responsive rep.
  - i. Yearbook cover due on 10/31. On track for board and Ms. Thompson's approval.
  - ii. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Photo requests during Red Ribbon Week. Group shots preferred. <https://photos.jostens.com/QUFXR9>
  - iii. TEAM ADDITIONS: Allie Leaper joins as a floating photographer and designer.
  - iv. COVER CONTEST: Winner announced. Winning artwork featured on front cover, with six entries on back.
  - v. DESIGN TEAM: Sarah Kier, Allie Leaper, Marisa Berruecos, Tiffany, working on layouts.
- b) SCHOOL SUPPLIES: EDUKit vendor vote. Substantial savings achieved. 23% discount negotiated with EDUKit. More competitive pricing on brand name products, Discounted prices, Customer service: Response and interactions with us has been positive, Portal system



- i. Motion to switch school supply vendor. APPROVAL: Dawn Dellinger, SECOND: Ji Terricina
- c) Academic Outreach: Latoya organized a raptor show field trip. With a 25% discount negotiated this year
- d) STAFF APPRECIATION: Team recruiting new members- none of the 4 current members are returning next year. Need 4
  - i. Chili lunch planned. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA8AB28AAFEC16-51705669-october#/>
- e) ENVIRONMENTAL/GARDENING: requested to start Kindergarten upkeep with Kamal waiting for response and hand off of equipment from Ashley
- f) TEACHER GRANTS: Spreadsheet going with all grade levels. Waiting to get Mrs. Thompson approval and will be brought to the board for approval. \$16,000 Budget.

**IX. Treasurer Update**

- a) Pay attention to the budget! Turn in reimbursements in a timely manner.
- b) Closed out the money market account because of low return. Moved the \$20,111.23 out of that account and over to an 8-month CD with a 4.5% interest rate. Moved over an additional \$29,888.77 from our checking account. Total of \$50,000 put into this 8-month CD.
- c) Net Revenue: \$-4,913 (because higher expenditures this month)
- d) Total Revenue YTD: \$44,489.50
- e) Cash on Hand: \$125,238.58

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

UPDATE: December PTO Meeting has been moved to 12/11 @ 9:30am via TEAMS

***Attendees: Dawn Dellinger, Martha Ceron, Jackie Aker, Ji Terracina, Samantha Hoppe, Rebeccas Bittinger, Danielle Dobecka, Taylor Parmigiano, Kacie Janasch, Latoya Small, Lizzy Thompson, Jennifer Melton.***

