

PTO February Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2024

Called to order at 9:34 am

I. Principal's Update

- a) Playground after school: unsupervised children are staying and playing and no staff is available to monitor the children while they play, school cannot be liable. Parents voiced their concerns for the importance of allowing children to play/parents to talk after school as it's something that has been a part of our school for years and allows a sense of community. We came to an agreement with closing the playground at 3:45 pm, everyone will have to leave, and Mrs. Thompson can lock the gate.
- b) Field Day: Teachers will be helping to plan it this year and there is one representative from each grade level. May 8 will be 1st-4th grade and May 9 is just for kindergarten, half day.

II. President's Update

- a) Playground Fundraising: Shared parents' concerns about using our playground money for technology as most feel it should not be the responsibility of the PTO, but rather CISD. Mrs. Thompson understands but notes that technology is a need for our school; if the PTO cannot fund technology, then the school may need to explore doing their own fundraising. Mrs. Thompson will check with CISD about the Bond measure that covers devices and see what, if any, new devices will be allocated to Bush as part of the Bond. Mrs. Thompson does not want to take away the playground savings and but there is an educational purpose for technology. She noted that instructional needs are very important and need fundraising.

III. Guest Speaker: Taylor Parmigiano with Watch Dogs Program

- a) The program is new this year and has been a huge success, how can we help it grow? So many dads want to help and be involved and there is a desire to collaborate more with the PTO. Lots of volunteer opportunities are available and could help with school functions. Explored the idea of integrating Watch Dogs into the PTO and how it could be a win-win for both the PTO and the Watch Dogs program. Discussed how dads can help at Bonanza and maybe host a fun booth such as a dunking booth or a "Pie in the Face" booth; they can also help in the spring with the gardening, fix things around the school, and help with Field Day. Decided to add a Watch Dogs committee to our PTO and have a dad representative of the Watch Dogs program.
- b) D. Dellinger made a motion to add a Watch Dogs committee into to PTO; M. Lord second; motion passed.

IV. Fundraising

- a) Spirit Wear: Looking for a new Spirit Wear coordinator to join the committee. D. Fernandez and B. Jovanovic are interested in helping out.
- b) Yard signs: Members also brought up the idea of selling Bush decals as part of Spirit Wear; all agreed to consider as part of next year's Spirit Wear packages.
- c) Bonanza Planning: We plan to send a sign-up genius to parents to donate beverages for Bonanza to help save on cost. It was mentioned we should cancel the Teacher Appreciation lunch for April or at least not ask parents for donations. Someone suggested Watch Dogs making hot dogs, something we need to figure out.



V. Communications

- a) Spring Membership Social - will take place on March 1 and will be a “Rodeo Hoe Down.” A volunteer from Woodlands Church will be teaching line dancing for parents and kids. Popcorn and drinks; popcorn in the activity room and line dancing in the gym. Cowboy Jack possibly to volunteer!

VI. Services

- a) School Supplies – We are leaving EPI and moving forward with First Day School Supplies vendor who has all name brand supplies. They don’t normally take returns but willing to work with us.
- b) D. Dellinger made motion to change vendor from EPI to First Day School Supplies, D. Dobecka second; motion passed.

VII. Treasurer

- a) Net Revenue: \$28,945.65
- b) Cash on Hand: \$129,943.98

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Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

