

8.26.19

Present: Alyssa Stice, Jamie Fetters, Amanda McDiffett, Alicsa Mayer, Valerie Gehrler, Patty Talley and Lorie Underwood

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Minutes from last meeting were read by Patty. Made 2 minor changes: Email address for PTO and the date of the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Alicsa and Dene have requested to get a debit card for use instead of just having checks
- ❖ Jamie will prepare an invoice for her charge for the vinyls
- ❖ Remove reserve fund for Mrs. Pollock's field trip because she has a new field trip that she has a request for
- ❖ Money reserved for Art Classes totals \$3,145.00
- ❖ Reserve fund for advertising - \$125.00 Do we keep or remove? D
- ❖ Available funds total \$7,618.11 (before we removed the reserved funding)

Principal's Report

- ❖ Val thanked us for the hard work on the bathrooms. Looks great!!
- ❖ Boy Scout Troop Update - Kevin K. was supposed to come today but wasn't able to. He did say that he will actually come and visit with the kids about it.
 - About 10 families were interested.
 - He will actually come and do a sign up night and help with the meetings until we can get up and running with it.
 - If parents don't step up to help as troop leaders, then the group just "folds". PTO will not sponsor right now.
 - Valerie will check and see when we actually have to pay for the sponsorship.
- ❖ Community Tailgate Party for our first home Varsity game Friday, Sep. 6th, starting at 5:00. Free until food runs out so spread the word!
- ❖ Feel like Pool Party was a success again this year.
- ❖ Update on rock out front. The rock out front is not the rock that we wanted. They are going to remove what is there and put the landscape gravel in.
- ❖ Discussion around how Open House went.
 - We are being challenged at the district level about the open house, how they went, what changes need to be made. How is the overall format? Are we getting what we need?
 - Recommended not to have the same night as the Junior High Open House
 - Popcorn was fun to have and great idea to have it outside.
 - Overall, feel like the Prairie Heights Open House went very well but mentioned we feel like we're missing out on one if you have to go to another.
 - Decided that the goal would be to make it more about the kids and the teachers meeting one another. Having it more "come and go" instead of "come and sit".
 - Maybe a slide show that the teachers don't have to present but one that is running so you can view it as you have the time.
- ❖ We are up 4 students from where we left last year. 98 students enrolled.

Old Business

- ❖ T-Shirt Orders: Alisca thought she had emailed Twin Lakes but she will call them. We need new shirts for the whole school. Haven't done them since Valerie has been here.
 - We will determine who will pay once we get the costs of them.

- We would possibly do for everybody this year and then going forward just do Kindergarten.
- ❖ Paypal Account: Do we want one?
 - If we go as a business on the PayPal account agreed that Dene would be designated on the account for monitoring but Alicsa will need to check with her and see if she's o.k with being on it.
- ❖ Valerie would like to see us send out that donation sheet.
- ❖ Alicsa received a Thank You note for doing the bathroom and the vinyl from the teachers.
- ❖ Alicsa would like to "jazz" up the mirrors in the restroom and wondered about how we could maybe we could fix up the floors. Valerie mentioned that we had a major foundation issue. They raised the concrete and fixed it but it caused more cracking. We may need to wait on the bathrooms because we'll have to fix the floors throughout the whole school due to that issue.
- ❖ In regards to Teacher Appreciation Week, Valerie wondered where we got the name badges at. They were bought at Staples. If we need more, Valerie can let Alicsa know and she will get them for the rest of the teachers who didn't get them during teacher appreciation week.
- ❖ Interactive Technology - haven't heard on the grant. Probably a no-go for right now.
- ❖ Bank account still has some money in it at Farmers State Bank just to make sure that all the checks that were written out of that account are covered. We are up and running at Farmers and Drovers, however.
- ❖ Box tops are going to an app now but we can still send them in. We will send them in by Nov. 1st for the fall date. Alicsa will check into the new process on these and get back to Valerie so she can put them in the newsletter since we'll collect for the first time around Nov. 1st.

New Business

- ❖ Fall fundraisers discussions-
 - Lorie mentioned yes to Butter Braids but no to Mums at Old settler's Day
 - Amanda said yes to Mums, not at Old Settlor's Day, but no to Butter Braids
 - Decided to do Butter Braids. Pickup on the 7th of Nov. and then pickup the remaining on the 11th.
 - Keep the Double Chocolate. Maybe kick off the caramel rolls.
 - Would send home the forms on the Oct 7th-15th, get numbers to him by the 18th.
 - Alicsa will double check the dates with the sales guy but tentatively we are going with these dates..
 - Final consensus was to do mums as a pre-order and Alicsa will contact Grove Gardens about flowers and we will not sell them at Old Settlor's Day. Will get the timeframe down for this once she visits with Grove Gardens.
 - Buy 1 for \$7, 3 for \$18. The pink did not sell. Get rid of white and pink.
- ❖ For Concession Stand - Lorie will contact Kendra Elsen and see about getting the list for dates. We said Nov. 7th and 25th for Nov. Don't do Dec. as there is too much going on. Nov. and Jan. work well.
- ❖ Farmers and Drovers Debit Card
 - Lorie motioned to get 2 debit cards, one for President and one for Principal's office. Amanda seconded. Motion carried.
- ❖ Valerie explained new field trip policy. This year we are separating and doing our own. K-1st will rotate between Zoo and Discovery Center. 2nd-3rd-4th grades will be together and trying to work out details to go to K-State (through athletic dept. & insect zoo, maybe) They aren't returning phone calls.. 5th grade does Starbase. 6th grade-seperate field trip. They are not going to the same locations as in the past.

Principal/Teacher Requests

- ❖ Krista Wilson
 - Field Trip \$65.00 (discovery Center), \$60.00 Mother's Day Tea, \$50.00 Pilgrim Day Activity
- ❖ Alec Anderson
 - \$71.50 for Field Trip
 - \$70 for Kaw Mission Donation for Homecoming - **edited and changed** to \$70.00 for Homecoming trip
- ❖ Lorie Pollock
 - \$50.00 Ag Heritage Park
 - \$100.00 Snacks for students throughout the year - **edited and changed** to \$100 school wide
 - 20 kids this year so she's trying to go to Camp Wood. Cost will be \$260.00 for all 20 to attend. Kids pay \$2.00 and PTO makes up the rest of it.
- ❖ Valerie
 - \$50.00 Popcorn Supplies
 - \$600 for AR parties (\$300 for skating and \$300 for qtrly parties)
 - \$150.00 Pilgrim Day
 - \$100 -100 Point AR Pizza Party (May)
 - \$50 drinks for Homecoming Parade (if needed-last year it was cool)
- ❖ **Total Requests \$1676.50.** Still have some Field trips that haven't been requested for yet.
- ❖ Amanda motioned to accept the requests as modified for a total of \$1676.50. Lorie seconded. Motion carried.

Other New Business

- ❖ Alicsa mentioned that someone visited with her about the possibility of providing "Snack Milk" for kids who can't afford it. Valerie mentioned that it would be the 4th Milk for the day and some parents may not want their child to have that much milk. Topic was discussed no further.
- ❖ Lorie Underwood mentioned that she's had community members ask her about bringing the Harlem Wizards back. Agreed it was awesome but maybe we could look into doing with the CG PTO if we do it.
 - Also, said that community members are wondering about what the kids are doing in Art because they used to bring art projects home but we haven't seen those the last few years. Alicsa took note of these items.
- ❖ Valerie look into McCain trip on Nov. 20th for grades 3-6 at 9:30 a.m. Circus theme.
 - Feb. 27th K-2nd would go then (Dinosaur theme)
- ❖ Valerie stated that the district will now pay for transportation to McCain.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 24th

Jamie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Amanda seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Patty Talley, Secretary