

R. C. Lindsey PTO Minutes

October 17, 2019

- I. Call to Order, attended by the board; Michelle Wiece, Katy Cullis and Lynn Barras. Mrs. Bellan and 10 PTO members.
- II. Reading of the Minutes – reading of the minutes was waived Misty Caudill, seconded by Erin Stevenson.
- III. Teacher Requests – there are no new teacher requests. Board will provide an update of the request from Mrs. Laubscher.
- IV. Principal’s Update – Mrs. Bellan apologizes for changing the times of the Halloween events, but will try this to see if safety concerns are addressed. She agreed they will see how it works for everyone, then will evaluate. Mrs. Bellan will remind the teachers not to wear masks.
 - Birthday Book program will be changed a bit, to encourage more participation. New fliers will go home with the details.
 - Zones Recess Program –will start next week (slight delay). Feedback has been positive. There are currently two proctors, one will be with the Game Zone (play with the kids). One for the Walk Zone. Need volunteers for the Walking Zone – please consider and ask other parents. You can bring the smaller kids with you (flexible). Need someone who manages a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Kids can change zones.
 - Look into the bathrooms for the 4th and 5th grade boys.
- V. Treasurer’s Report – report hard copies were provided to attendees, motion to approve by Genevieve Duxbury and seconded by Becky Ohlsen.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Membership and Party Donations, the current count is:
 - \$884 in party dues collected, 99 people (goal was \$1k), hope to get a few more and make this goal.

- \$642 in membership dues collected, 176 people (goal is \$800), another flier was sent home on Oct 14 asking people to pay dues and join PTO...it was our one last push for the year.
 - It was suggested we place 1-pager outside the classroom during conferences so parents can grab them, if interested.
- B. Teacher Grants – Thank you notes from teachers, available to read.
- C. Skating Party – well attended - probably due to no school on the following day. PTO made \$198. The date for the next skate party will be changed – since play rehearsal is on the same day.
- D. Room Captains – all room captains have been assigned and should have received all the information from Nicki. All room captains should have reached out to parents in the classroom (asking for volunteers).
- Halloween – volunteers can come in at 8:15. Will try to avoid clustering (kids will go to the gym), maybe volunteers can come in the side door. Mrs. Bellan to see if that will work.
 - 1-2 captains per room except one where there are 4. 5 is the max number of parents in the room. Will reevaluate policy for next year.
- E. Family Fun Night at Kalahari - PTO made \$150 (long weekend) on 12 rooms.
- F. Laps 4 Lindsey final numbers - final amount made: \$17k, Danna sent thank you notes and new shirts to the sponsors.
- Next year we need to find a new t-shirt printer (better quality and better pricing). T-shirts were printed incorrectly causing issues with sponsors and embarrassment to the event.
 - Need to have sub-committees as this event is too large for just 2 people to run.
 - Liked the t-shirt forms – do again next year.
- G. 94 people attended the Patterson’s Lindsey coupon day – PTO will get \$94 – thank you to Becky for organizing.

VII. New Business

- A. Family Fun Night at Monsters Game – will be on Saturday, October 26 at 1:00 PM, PTO sold 36 tickets. First time – will see how it goes.

B. Halloween Parade and Parties – As was communicated several times, the parade and parties will be at 9:00 and 9:30, completed at 10:00. Patterson donuts and juice in the rooms before the parade – so everyone can watch parade. Allergies notes will go home Friday before Halloween.

VIII. Conferences Refreshments Update - email went out to those who are willing to help (soup, salad, sandwiches) on Nov 7 and next day breakfast (Nov 8). Thank you to everyone willing to help. Contact Michelle to arrange.

IX. Vendors needed for Vendor Night on November 21 – Danna placed ad in Chester News – will use the same ad as last year (funds can be spent as she needs). Fewer vendors so far – looking for new vendors. Now have 16 vendors, need more.

A. Need four people to set up the day of the event – asking the 8th grade. 3-4 adults to sell raffle tickets – Misty volunteered.

B. Approval for the building – need to request the tables and chairs (if not already here from the play). 50 tables and 100 chairs. Michelle will request.

C. Ad in Chester News and Geauga Maple Leaf website – ideas for advertizing? Let us know. On cover of Peter Pan Playbill. Please share on Facebook and help distribute fliers.

D. Box Tops Status – content officially ended, 100% credit (270 are electronic). The app now shows credit can go to student – maybe this will be more of an incentive.

E. Bookfair update – Nov 4-8, teacher preview the Friday before. Looking for volunteers – sign-up sheets will be sent out. Teachers are picking their 30-minute slots (not during library and STEM time). Bookmarks sent home to advertise. Funds will go to bookroom (not the library as in the past).

- E-wallet is available if you do not want to send money in with students. First time – info will be sent home.
- Make the bookroom look better...need help and suggestions. Mrs. Bellan has started removing old materials, requesting grants to build a bookroom. Clean-out will happen quickly...the rest will take some time.

X. Adjournment - next meeting November 15...see you then! Motion to adjourn by Becky Ohlson and seconded by Erin Stevenson.