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Providence Elementary School

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PES PTA Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020

In Attendance:

Stacy Hall, PTA President

Menka Linthicum, VP & Fundraising

Dan Phillips, Principal

Sharon Hickey, Assistant Principal

Katy Waldschmidt, Treasurer

Kristina Cecere, VP of Membership

Kimberly Lloyd

Jon and Stephanie Stehle

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Pranas Ciziunas

Sarah Kelsey

Gabriela Salazar

Shamarli Kollock

Sue Marques

Patricia Coates

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CW Balisle

President's Report:

- This meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was recorded with all attendees being notified of the recording.
- Panther distribution took place. If your student hasn't received their stuffed panther or art supplies, please contact PES front office right away!
- Drive through Pumpkin Patch – we had 109 pumpkin donations, 40 volunteers, a TON of food for A Place to Stand, and \$150 cash in donations.
- New Business:
 - Book Fair
 - Online – complete virtual
 - Nov 15-29th
 - Still working out the kinks and exploring ideas, more info to follow
 - Family Night Out
 - Working with several upcoming restaurants

- Bingo Night and several other virtual events currently being planned

Principal's Report:

- Preschool & Kindergarten returning (for those parents who chose hybrid) November 17th
- 1st & 2nd graders whose parents chose hybrid will return November 30th
- Dan will hold meetings for those returning to school to ask questions
- Proposed return date for 3rd-6th graders to return January 4th
- When we return, concurrent learning will take place
- November 12th will be the School Board meeting in which they will decide how to proceed
- If you have a worry or concern regarding the current virtual learning, please reach out to your teacher for assistance.
- Thank you for everything the PTA has been doing!
- We have around 135 staff members, about 100 of those are instructional staff. 22 of those instructional staff, 7 of them being classroom teachers, requested either ADA accommodations or leave of absence.
- A letter was shared with those families who would be affected by the potential leave of their child's teacher. 80% of the families chose to stay with their child's current teacher (virtually). If you did not hear from us, your child's teacher's plan is to return to in-person teaching.

Treasurer's Report:

- The report will be emailed out to everyone.
- The stuffed panthers were funded by discretionary PTA funds, we received a commitment to get some of the cost covered by the community

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the previous PTA Meeting were presented via live video and the minutes were approved.

Family Night Out:

- Tony's raised \$48.50
- Next event we hold there we will run for more than one evening to raise even more funds.

Spirit Wear:

- Sold 39 items total
- Purchased additional youth items to meet our minimums
- Purchased 6 adult shirts for new teachers
- Currently researching new vendors for our next sale

Box Tops:

- Raised \$37.40 so far this year
- Please consider downloading the Box Tops app to help us reach our goal

Membership:

- 146 members
- 17 new members over the last month
- Raised over \$2700 after dues
- About \$1,370 in donations for activities and the Principal's Fund
- If you refer a family to PTA Membership (they must fill out the space on the membership form stating you referred them), you will be entered into a drawing for Merrifield Garden Center gift card.
- There's still time to pay your dues!

Read-a-thon:

- About 200 students are already signed up
- Goal is to raise \$15,000
- Already at \$4,000
- We have a lot of small and local businesses donating prizes this year
- Book logs are virtual on each student's virtual read-a-thon page
- Book Review Contest

DIY Ornament Kit Fundraiser:

- All materials included
- Deadline = November 11
- Pick up day = November 17

Community Outreach:

- Spoke with someone at Lands End who may be willing to provide overflow of kids clothing to PES students and creating a partnership to distribute funds, donations, or clothing to PES students
- Discussed using them for shirt/spirit wear sales
- Discussed new sponsorship possibilities and tier options for sponsorship

Amazon Smile:

- Raised \$1,537.31 since August
- Please consider using Amazon Smile as you start your holiday shopping!

Certifikid:

- Code: PESPTA
- For every \$20 purchased, the PTA gets \$5

Upcoming Events:

- Trivia – keep an eye out for date
- Hidden Talent Video Submission – videos must be under a minute long
PESMondayActivities@gmail.com
- By submitting you agree to give PTA permission to share videos with all PES families.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!:

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