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PES PTA Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

In Attendance:

Stacy Hall, PTA President Menka Linthicum, VP & Fundraising Dan Phillips, Principal Emma Bierwith, Treasurer Rachel McQuillen, Secretary Pam Wagner, Staff Liz Despres, Parent Cassie Patterson, Parent Laura Pagac, Parent Silvia, Liu, Parent Raymond Kollock, Parent Katy Waldschmidt, Parent Elizabeth Rodriguez, Parent

President's Report:

- New Business Open House
- Back to School volunteers sold spirit wear. We will most likely only sell on the first night (younger grades) and not on the second night (3-6 grades).
- PTA and Spirit Wear interest was very strong. Had lots of sign ups!
- New PT Board and Directory feedback: couldn't view the directory on the mobile app. Still working on updating info.

Principal's Report:

- Enrollment 912
- Discussed the AAP program and how we've had a high number of our AAP kids stay, versus going to Mosby this year. We've had a smooth response to how the program has been set up.
- Staff Changes:
 - Lost fewer teachers over the summer. We have about 6 new teachers. Only 1 is a brand new teacher. Off to a great start!
 - Sarah Philips started our STEAM lab about 9 years ago. She left to be an instructional coach last year and came back to PES this year.
- All the beginning of the year activities were executed very well! Big thank you to all who helped.

Treasurer's Report:

- Audit was approved!
- Register balance is lower than it's been in a long time. WPES received funds to update all of their

equipment.

• We updated the funds \$500 per specials department.

Approval of Minutes:

Each individual in attendance received a hardcopy of the minutes from the previous PTA Meeting and the minutes were approved.

Membership:

- President discussed the decision of the PTA to move to a PTO.
- 35 total paid members.

Spirit Wear:

- Teacher/Staff sale was extended to end at the same time as the Fall Sale (September 13th)
- Teachers/Staff are advised to write the words "STAFF" on the order forms in order to receive their special discounts.

Staff Report (Pam Wagner):

- Teacher breakfast was done really well and was well appreciated.
- Thank you for discounted spirit wear.
- Thank you to everyone who hustled and helped out with the school supply baskets.
- WPES upgrades are absolutely amazing!

Read-A-thon:

- Kick off oct 11th
- Family Night on October 23rd will feature face painting, Chik-fil-a, Dogman.
- Kids will have opportunity to sign up at school in case they don't have access to a computer at home
- November 1st will be Pajama Day
- We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Read-a-thon fundraiser.

Bookfair:

- Discussed the idea of splitting the special event for the family night into two nights, but ultimately decided to stick to doing it all on one night.
- Hudson Orthodontics ice cream truck was discussed. Stacy will reach out to them.
- Discussed expanding the hours of family night from 5-7 to 5-8.

Suggested Fundraising Idea:

- Someone might want to consider creating a letter requesting local businesses donation or sponsor a specific activity or item the school needs.
- Mayor Meyer might be great point of contact.

Family Night Out:

- Teriyaki Madness and Duck Donuts
- Moby Dick
- Working on MOD Pizza and McDonalds

Movie Night:

- October 4th rain date Oct 25th
- Secret Life of Pets

• Need the most help for set-up

COIN CHALLENGE:

- Still set to do this.
- October $7^{\text{th}} 11^{\text{th}}$?
- The money goes to book fair
- Principal Phillips said that he's still in for teaching a day.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

- At High Side
- Preferably on Wednesday or Sunday
- Reached out to Martial Arts on the Go about working with us to provide childcare during the event

After School Programs:

• Silver Knights - Chess, Coding, and Robotics has been contacted and is working with Laura

Minutes prepared by Rachel McQuillen, Secretary