

Prairie Lane PTO
General Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

In Attendance: Camille Schroeder, Jessica Winnie, Dina Beal, Megan Calhoun, Beth Olson, Sara Hanel, Courtney Breit, Liz Molton, Jill Huff, Cindy Joy, Mel Modica, Colleen Robson, Karin Carner.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

President's Report – Jessica Winnie

- Thank you to YMCA for providing child care and munchies – Jessica welcomed all to help themselves to treats.

Vice President's Report – Dina Beal

- No Report

Secretary's Report - Beth Olson

- Reviewed the meeting Minutes: Motion to approve – Liz Molton, seconded by Sara Hanel

Financial Report – Megan Calhoun

- Since last meeting, biggest event was Parent's Night Out.
- Motion to approve – Courtney Breit, seconded by Liz Molton

Principal's report – Camille Schroeder

- PNO was a nice event, unbelievable.
- Mrs. Schroeder recognized Jill Huff; our 5th Grade teacher, she is preparing for retirement only 17 days remaining. Also introduced Colleen Robson, a Special Education teacher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alpaca Pottery Night – Liz Molton

- We had a lot of fun; we had approximately 30 signed up; a few didn't show up. All but 9 families picked up their stuff. \$166 towards to PTO. Everyone had a great time.

Book Fair – Courtney Breit

- BOGO fair, end of the year. June 1-8, event will be taken down at the end of the day on June 8.
- We will have a week of dress up, pajama day, etc. We will be open late on June 6, open until 6/6:30.
- Courtney is making a sign up genius, also get info out for the newsletter.

Yearbook – Jessica Winnie

- Orders are due tomorrow. We are in desperate need of pictures.
- Next week, we can provide more information about the pictures that we are looking for.
- Heather Lange is the one who works on the yearbook.
- Megan, Jess and Dina can come into the classroom to help teachers upload pictures that they may have.

Teacher Appreciation Week – Courtney Breit

- The week was great, everything was donated.
- One point of feedback for Courtney was that parents really look forward to helping out for this event by cooking/baking for the teachers.
- Courtney said that she had heard from teachers that they preferred to have food from restaurants rather than having food made by parents.
- Courtney asked if we can send out a survey to get feedback.
- Ms. Huff said that she really liked having the extra little gifts/things that the kids made themselves and brought in for the teachers.
- Donors for this event were Chipotle, Starbucks, Target.
- Next year, Courtney was thinking to consider doing a one big staff appreciation day.
- There was discussion about what to do with planning for the appropriate servings of food so that everyone gets something to eat. Estimate was provided to be 30-40 people, there was enough food for everyone, but by the end of the luncheon, there were teachers who didn't get anything to eat; especially those who can't leave their classrooms until later in the day.
- This will be something that needs to be considered by the chairperson in the future

OLD BUSINESS

Parents Night Out

- Was a great success – raised \$11,000 in three hours.
- We have assessed our plans for 2018 – April 21, 2018 is the date for next year. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- We tried to consider events that might be happening around the same time, such as First Communion, and the All Saints Fundraiser.
- Classroom baskets were amazing, parents were very generous.
- Businesses were very generous with their donations.
- If you have any ideas for new themes, please let us know.

Restaurant Nights

- **MOD Pizza** - We made \$183
- **Chipotle Night** – We made \$228

Admin Professionals Day

- Gave them some Jimmy John's gift cards, bowl of candy and had lunch for the office staff

NEW BUSINESS

Spirit Day Flash Sale

- Last Spirit Day we will be selling leftover items on Wednesday, June 7.
- Spirit Day will be Hawaiian Day.

Open Committee Positions

- If you see something you are interested in, please let us know.
- If you would like to co-chair, that will work also.
- Fifth grade graduation, we would like to have a fourth-grade parent to coordinate the events.

Field Day

- June 5, rain date June 6 – PTO is providing hot dogs and chips.

- Ms. Tiffe sent home information

Year-end Parties

- June 2 – you should be hearing from the room parents soon – scheduled for 11:30 that Friday.
- Last day of school is on Friday, June 9, dismissal is at 12:40.

Playground Proposal – Jessica Winnie/Dina Beal

- Swings have been cut – went back to the drawing board to find other options
- Dina has been doing a ton of work on this.
- We will still get the medium play web and the spinomi – we looked for something that had motion; we went with the whirl around (merry-go-round), has a 12-child capacity.
- With those three items, freight, KUSD costs, etc. we have some money left.
- With that we are looking at an item that can be used for the 4K.
- We found some items that have a larger capacity. One is a “Moon Rock Climber”
- It is a curriculum item that 4K kids spend time outside, so it is not the PTO’s job to buy something for 4K, if KUSD is going to pay for an item for 4K.
- Dina called the CFO for KUSD, it was admitted that the School Board has heard a lot about this, there is quite a stink being raised. They know about it; the end of the fiscal year is June 30. It would be nice to have some money allocated, but before we spend money on a piece of equipment we would like to see what KUSD can do about it.
- Cindy Joy said that the best way to leverage this is to raise this to the board as parents.
- Courtney Breit said that she went to a fundraiser and heard that there is money available for this, we need to bring it to the board, get it on the agenda so that it can be discussed and hopefully address it.
- You can sign up on KUSD site to be notified when the meetings are.
- You can also go on the KUSD site and send emails to board members, you can also go to speak in public comments, get a group of people together to speak.
- Ms. Glinski got a bunch of donations for smaller items, the PTO has paid for a shed that will be constructed to store the items. They will put on a steel door.
- Our goal is to have the playground installed before the hot dog picnic and have it unveiled that same day. The installation cost is based on us getting 10 people who are willing to help with the installation.

Jess said thank you to all who have come to the meetings, our events wouldn’t happen without the work of all of us.

Open Forum/Suggestion

PTO Mixer?

- Would the PTO be interested in hosting a mixer to get new parents involved, put something together to get parents to come out and meet people and generate interest in getting volunteers.
- Could be involved during **Kindergarten Registration**
- It will be considered

Meeting adjourned 7:57 pm