

Minutes for Prairie Lane PTO Meeting Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

Present: Jessica Winnie, Tracy Haase, Jenny Hermes, Kari Ray, Susan Garciafanwl, Kimberly Snyder, Cristi Gallagher, Patty Bernhagen, Nicky Ichen, Amanda Phillips, Jacque Bridgeman, Erin Anderson, Heather Miller, Erica Ekkela, Holly Seidman, Deb Roland, Peggy Gwinnup, Michelle Davies, Vicky Foley, Robyn Evans, Vicki Sharkey, Crystal Mahon, Becky Mox-Peiser, Carrie Baumann, Laura Benzaquen, Brenda Dahl, Brooke Nelson, Dana Adamczyk

Meeting opened by Jessica Winnie at 7:07pm

Officer Reports:

President – Jessica Winnie – Set Ground Rules for the meeting and asked everyone to complete the survey

Vice President – Tracy Haase – Supplied a copy of the bi-laws for anyone to review

Secretary – Review and approval of May 2013 meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Jacque Bridgeman, seconded by Robyn Evans. All in favor. Yes

Treasurer – Jenny Hermes

- Review and approval of Summer financials - Motion to approve by Nicky Ichen, seconded by Amanda Philips. All in favor. Yes
- 2013/2014 PTO operating budget - Motion to approve by Robyn Evans, seconded by Kim Snyder. All in favor. Yes
 - Provided 8 Ipad mini's to the school supply which will allow each classroom to have 6, supplied 36 covers for Ipad minis, funded the installation of 4 Promethean boards
 - Completed the emergency buckets for each classroom and came in under budget at \$1,600 (Approved last year).
 - If fundraisers bring in estimated income we will have approx. \$11,000 to start next year

Principal – Camille Schroeder – Mrs. Schroeder gave us a bio on her career, and background. Reviewed the new school report card that came out and talked about procedures in place to improve our current score of a meets. The difference in rating this year is due to Wisconsin changing their scoring system and is now using a common core state standard rating system. The data in this report is two years old and Camille anticipates that it will go up. The teachers/staff have created a WIN learning system that has built in interventions to help all students.

She also kicked off a great fundraiser schoolstore.com. Do all your shopping online and the school will receive a % of your purchase. There are hundreds of stores from Target to 1-800 Flowers, etc. Kids can receive prizes for the amount that they raise. Look in your Thursday folders for additional information.

Teacher Representative – Deb Roland, Peggy Gwinnup, Michelle Davies, Vicky Foley, Vicki Sharkey – Mrs. Sharkey represented the teacher staff and thanked the PTO for all that they do for the school. From Technology, to the teacher appreciations days, and popcorn spirit wear, etc. they thank us!

Committee Reports:

- Spirit Wear – Kari Ray
 - Added additional options to spirit wear (pink shirts, tie-dye, hooded sweatshirts)
 - Created two logos
 - Order forms should go out next Thurs.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Nicole Johnson
 - Nicole is assembling the volunteer list from the parent volunteer surveys
- Newsletter – Shayne Ferguson
 - Shayne is our new chairperson for the newsletter
 - All items for the newsletter are due to her by the last Friday of the month (Sep. 27th for October newsletter)
- Box-tops – Jacque Bridgeman
 - Started incentive program at the end of last year and earned almost \$2,000.00
 - Our goal this year is \$5,000
 - Pick n Save is having a box-top bonus sale – buy 15 box-top items and get \$15.00 worth of box-tops
 - This quarter the Oreo incentive program will be given to the top 3 classes and any class over 600 box-tops
 - Need volunteers to serve awards and looking for award suggestions
- Halloween Hoopla – Erica Ekkela
 - Looking for volunteers for games (possibly middle school/high school students)
 - Looking for chair people to assist with the event
- Spirit Days
 - Third Wed. of the month due to early release on Fridays. Bags are .50 and children are limited to 2 bags.
 - First day is Oct. 16th
 - Looking for co-chair
 - Possibly switching to coconut oil (checking on allergy sensitivity to coconut oil)

Old Business:

- Playground Equipment
 - Used Target gift cards to fill playground baskets (chalk, balls, jump ropes)
 - Thank you Dave Gerlach for helping fill baskets
- Kindergarten T-Shirts
 - PTO gave all kindergartners a spirit wear shirt to welcome them to the school
- Emergency Buckets
 - Thank you Nicky Ichen for donating the buckets
 - All classrooms, and special studies (library, computer room, etc.) have a safety bucket
 - Supplies in the bucket are the safety supplies recommended by FEMA

New Business:

- Family Movie Nights
 - 3 nights planned (10/4, 12/6, 2/7)
 - \$1.00 per child + can of food donation (drink/popcorn supplied)
 - Movie will be raffled at the end of the night
 - Chairperson needed
- Alpaca Pottery
 - Thursday Nov. 7th
 - Info will be sent home on Thursday
 - New choices
 - Pick-up will be at next PTO mtg. or pottery will be sent home with child
- Harvest Parties
 - Thursday Oct. 24th 2:35pm – 3:35pm
 - Please work with your teachers on stop times, crafts, and if siblings are allowed
- Halloween Party
 - Friday November 1st 6-8pm – volunteers needed – sign-up sheet or contact Erica Ekkela

- PTO Facebook Page
 - Like us to receive updates/announcements/reminders
- Target Red Card/Give Program
 - Vote for our school using facebook and we receive 1.00.
 - Our goal is to get 300.00
- Supply Box – Kari Ray
 - This year we will supply order forms for supplies for next year
 - Children that order will have a supply box on their desk on supply night
- Art Supplies
 - Giving Mrs. Dollar \$500.00 to use on art supplies
 - Collecting donations of milk jugs, egg cartons, paper towel tubes, creamer containers
 - Needs wooden blocks for a 5th grade statue – Cristi Gallagher will provide
- Most PTO correspondence will be using an email/web format, be sure to sign up on school website
- Committee chairpeople
 - Thank you to those that have volunteered already this year!!
 - We are still in need of chair people for Family Movie night/Spirit Day Co-Chair
- Other
 - Look into McDonald's receipt fundraiser

Room Parent Raffle:

- Therese Claypoole raffled off room parent lead for all classrooms. If you were unable to attend the meeting but are still interested in volunteering please let your room parent or teacher know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Thank you for your time and participation!

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.”
