

Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Monday, October 19, 2020 6:30 meeting (MINUTES)



Board Members in Attendance: Christy Szekely, Jill Frazee, Erin Kissinger, Heather Kay, Lesley Cahill, Melanie Carlisle, Tara Chumita, Kayleen Grand, Tiffany Irvine, Sam Loker, Katrina Miller, Amanda Osborn, Colleen Ruggiero, Ken Slocum, Megan Start, Sara Blum

Board Members Absent: Maggie Plotter, Nicole Reedy, Autumn Knapp

Teacher Representatives in Attendance: Marci Mungovan, Lisa Trott, Summer Walker, Alex McCullough

Call to order: Christy at 6:32 pm

Secretary's Report: Approval of August minutes. Motion to approve by Tara and second by Megan.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by No variance as not much has happened lately. A few teacher reimbursements for computer stands. Paid for Grab-N-Go. Received refund for busing and a donation from Hardings. A couple checks outstanding, two for teachers and one for insurance. Sam needs to email reimbursements for birthdays. Motion to approve by Lesley and second by Sam.

School News by Alex McCullough: Plan is to continue face to face and virtual learning for kids. November 2nd we will bring back (37) students to face-to-face. There will be more information coming in the near future. We will not be doing the Halloween celebrations with volunteers. Conferences will be the week of November 16th. They are setup to be the 18th and 19th as night events but there will be flexibility with that. Finished up testing with students and still continuing to find a way to connect with face to face and virtual learners. The parking lot is a continuous issue and staff is continuing to brainstorm way to make that better.

Old Business

Open House

- Went ok for Christy, did not log in with enough time to be able to chat with all of her kids' teachers.
- Positive reviews from parents in regards to the interaction with teachers.

Mileage Club

- (73) people have participated in the virtual mileage club so far. When it is complete at the end of October information will be sent to Jen Kitchen.
- Contemplated doing a PTO newsletter, but decided to hold off for now.

New Business

Virtual/Online book fair during conferences

- We have the option, considering doing the fall virtually. We just tell Scholastic which week we want to run a book fair. Considering scheduling the week before conferences given that the following week is short and quickly runs into holidays. Looking at 11/9 thru 11/23, free shipping directly to homes. PTO will come up with a graphic for Alex to include in the Monday Memo.

Brainstorm ways to create community/unity

- ___ Virtual spirit week/Fridays for kids?
- ___ Scavenger hunt for Fridays?
- ___ Alex suggested continuing to work out how these photos are sent out and shared.

PTO Website

- Need to find login to update.

Dining Outs

- Can be started again, but need to promote the "takeout" aspect of them. Maybe Pizza Hut, Erbelli's, Chipotle and Alex will share her ideas with Colleen as well.

Spirit Wear

- Possibly online sales and Friday drive thru pickups.
- Might switch companies and possibly need to create new logos. Looking for sales to take place possibly in January.

Upcoming Events

Teacher Conferences

- Scheduled tentatively for 11/18 and 11/19 during the evening.
- Ken is going to remain flexible to be able to get the teachers a meal for those days.

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

Checks: All Checks MUST be made out to Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Next Meeting- Monday, December 7th, 6:30 via Zoom.

Deadlines: November Newsletter-10/23

Meeting Adjourns: 7:23 pm Tara motions to close and Erin second.