

Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Lake Center Elementary

Monday, October 9th, 2017 6:30 meeting



BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Blum, Rachel Bryant, Teresa Caron, Tara Chumita, Aggie Cottrell, Tommie Cottrell, Toyin Daranijoh, Kim Evans, Melissa Jorgensen, Rachel Millward, Melissa Nicola, Connie Nelson, Stephanie Norg, Sarah Overholt, Maggie Piotter, and Stephanie Tangeman.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE: Kelly Jensenius, Effie McCarren, Marci Mungovan, and Lisa Trott.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Cottingham, Stacie Sokolowski, and Kristen Weaver.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Melanie Carlisle and Karen Warner.

Agenda

Call to order – Maggie Piotter 6:34 pm

Secretary's Report- Motion to approve September minutes made by Tommy Cottrell, second by Stephanie Tangeman.

Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve budget made by Aggie Cottrell, second by Tommy Cottrell.

-account balances - \$10, 250.90 in savings, \$7,924.84 in checking; total \$17,9509.98

-Teacher requests are pending Turtle Trot Performance

School News – Kelly Jensenius

- 5th graders came back from camp and had a great time.
- Just hired 3 new Para pros. Mara Sivak left to go to Mattawan as a special education instructor. Jeff Ostrowski, Elizabeth Zupan and Teela Renda have been hired to fill the open positions.
- Halloween parade is Oct 27 at 10:30.
- Students earned a reward for being 98% referral free and will get to wear the PJs to school on Oct 31.
- DIBELS and Star math testing is complete and WIN groups have started.
- The mural artwork is done and going up on the walls.

CIC meeting update – Karen Warner is here tonight

- Proposal to implement PLTW in all of the elementary schools in Portage due to the success of the program at Lake Center.
- Proposal in the middle school, Mr. Dunlop, applied for a biking program at Central Middle School. He was 1 out of 20 schools in the nation to win the "contest" to complete the module. Pedal is working on the bikes right now. The students will learn how to maintain/take care of the bikes and will then take them out on the road.
- Proposal to make preparation for college course an elective available for all students in the high school not just those who are in the early/middle college track

Old Business

Open House & Scholastic Book Fair

Open House- purchased 12- 20 packs of cookies, 4 left over. Moving cookie table to back of room helped. Still trying to work out logistics with Curious Kids and setting up our events

Scholastic- around \$3500 in sales

Spirit Wear – Stephanie Norg

- Sales closed last night. Preliminary sales at \$5000. Sales almost doubled over the weekend. Raglan shirt with oar design was the most popular (40 sold), teal t-shirt with boat design was also popular. It looks like we will make money on the sales. There are some extras that were ordered. They will be available at conferences.
- Magnets are still for sale, sold around 50.

Mileage Club -Melissa Jorgensen

- Working on a plan to add laps and label them on the bulletin board outside of gym to add incentive for kids.
- possibly getting prizes for kids to encourage participation
- Using the Turtle Trot laps, will keep track of each class and have a competition between grades

Picture Day – Melissa Nicola

- Everything went great. Pictures were ahead of schedule most of the morning.
- Retakes November 10th

Turtle Trot – Rachel Bryant

- Having it on a half day worked out very well. Everything ran as smoothly as it could have. We are down to the last week of fundraising. We are at \$9000 online donations right now. Counting will go on next week. T-shirt submissions are due by Friday as well. Drawings can be turned into the teachers or scanned and emailed.
- T-shirts have had great feedback so far. The kids love them.
- Sponsorship of shirts: Our goal was to cover 650 shirts for \$2360, and we got \$3600!!!
- Gross Goal is \$31,000, net goal is \$26,000

New Business

Dining Out

- Peace, Love and Little Donuts just wrapped up. \$54.11 in donuts earned, approximately 4 dozen donuts.
- Culvers Oct. 24th – all but 3 volunteer spots are filled. We can get up to 15% back depending on sales. We will have another dining out in the spring.
- November 15- Panera
- Chipotle – December
- Looking at Core Life Eatery for January

Family Fun Night

- Harvest Moon Acres: Saturday, October 20th – flyers will go home on Friday. \$7/person. Lake Center Elementary time is 3-6. Wristbands are good all day. Corn maze starts at 6 p.m.
- Wed. Nov 8 – 100 tickets reserved for the WMU/Kent State game, end zone section W. Tickets are \$16/person. There will be a link available to purchase tickets.
- Looking at new ideas – Zumba, ice skating, hockey game

Box Tops

- Contest this week – handout went home today
- Box Top parents for each class
- Top class in each grade will pick a different part of Mrs. Jensenius' outfit for the day

Budget Proposal

- Budget is set within \$1 spending/income. Based on net \$24,000 turtle trot income. Added a sponsorship line into the budget. Box Top income decreased.
- Motion to approve budget made by Teresa Caron, second by Tara Chumita.
- Teacher giving is on hold until Turtle Trot income comes in

Special Requests to Date

October Teacher Requests:

1. Jaime Hall – 2nd grade
 - a. Durable book binder Holders
 - i. 12 pack (\$47.99) x 2- \$95.98 + \$8.95 shipping
 - ii. **Total of \$104.93 or \$94.93 with coupon code saveten**
2. Kindergarten Teachers & Young 5s
 - a. Zones of Regulation Literature & Sensory Tools
 - b. 5 x \$300- (\$1500) books, library & CDs - Kelly & Maggie proposing \$50 to cover the CD set, using Scholastic credit for the book portion
 - c. 5 x \$100- (\$500) sensory tools for calming in classroom – \$50 per teacher to get started
 - d. **Total of \$2,000**
3. Recess Reimbursement
 - a. reimbursement for playground toys
 - b. **Total of \$90.10**
4. Behavioral Team
 - a. Set of 4 cube kid-size chairs \$200
 - b. To support children in lower el remain in their own space and be part of the group and be successful listeners and participate in group instructions.
 - c. **Total of \$200**
5. Spellingcity for 5th grade
 - a. \$2.25 per student, approx. \$60 per class
 - b. **Total of \$240**
6. Mrs. Stacey- Kindergarten
 - a. Chair pockets organizers
 - b. Help with organization, quick transition and allowing more table space. Many classes have them and have shared they love them.
 - c. Come in sets of 8, 23 kids, 3 sets needed
 - i. On Amazon for \$69.99 each (x3= \$207.97) + \$8.97 shipping
 - ii. On Really Good Stuff for \$63.92 when you buy 3
 1. \$63.92 x 3= \$191.76 with either free shipping or \$10 with saving code
 - d. **Total of \$200**
7. Author/Illustrator Visit – 3rd grade
 - a. Visited last year, can come November 20th
 - b. Supports their reading section “What does an illustrator do?”
 - c. **Total of \$300**

Upcoming Events

Movie Night-November 10th

Conference Dinners – November 14th & 16th

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

Meeting Adjourns – 7:55 MOTION TOMMY COTTRELL, SECOND BY MELISSA NICOLA

Next Meeting- Monday, November 6th, 6:30 in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided

Upcoming Dates: 10/13- half day, 10/21-Harvest Moon Acres, 10/24- Culver’s, 10/27-Halloween Parade & half day, 11/6- PTO meeting, 11/10- Picture Retakes & Movie Night, 11/15- Panera Dining Out

Deadlines: November Newsletter-10/20