

Monday, November 8, 2021 6:30 meeting (MINUTES)

Board Members in Attendance: Christy Szekely, Katie Rodewald, Erin Kissinger, Jessica Biggs, Amanda Osborn, Caitlyn Demmond, Colleen Ruggiero, Kayleen Grand, Ken Slocum, Maggie Piotter, Megan Start, Sam Loker, Tiffany Irvine

Board Members Absent: Katrina Miller, Sarah Blum, Sasha DeKam, Nicole Reedy

Teacher Representatives in Attendance: Alex McCullough, Lisa Trott, Ashley Palmer-Vance, Summer Walker

Parent Members in Attendance: Amanda Mollitor, Erika Shumaker

Call to order: Christy at 6:32 pm

Secretary's Report: Approval of October minutes. Motion to approve by Caitlyn and second by Erin.

Treasurer's Report: No variance. Most line items are all Turtle Trot deposits, prize purchases, shirts and bags. Still waiting on some company match money. Motion to approve by Colleen and second by Caitlyn.

District Meeting Update: Assistant superintendent asking for ideas on how to spend covid grant money. More info to come on how to submit ideas. If you're interested in volunteering on the CIC committee, please let Erin or Christy know. Involves about 10 hour per year commitment, focus on controversial topics and policies.

School News by Alex: The next 6 weeks will be very busy with holidays at school. Conferences are next week and virtual. The virtual Turtle Trot assembly was fun and the kids really enjoyed it. The bounce houses were a hit! Field trips are coming back and going well. Thank you for your support of current policies so we can make these positive experiences for the kids. 5th and 1st grade went on trips already, 3rd is tentatively planning for a trip to the Capitol in the spring.

New Business

-Katie announced she was stepping down as vice president.

Special Election update: We have 3 spots open for new members. Election will be held at the January meeting. We're opening up nominations to the whole school and will hopefully have someone step in as VP. Nominations due to Lisa by 12/3.

How to Make Flyers: Must be in mailboxes by Thursday at lunch. We do black and white copies on colored paper, preferably ½ or ¼ sheets. It takes Maggie 1.5-2 hours to run all the copies and sort them, so she needs to have time to get all of that done. Needs to be approved by Christy and Alex before going to print. Please double check dates, times, locations before sending home. Flyers should be sent home 3 weeks prior to the event.

Servant Leadership/SAIL behaviors for PTO: We're here to serve our students, teachers and staff. We need to be service oriented and focus on the kids. We're trying to add back in activities while keeping kids safe. PTO membership does not mean we get special privileges and are expected to follow all school rules (ie: don't show up at field trips, no helping with K lunch, etc). Act kind and respectfully toward other members and parents. If you need help, ask. We believe we've given you the tools to do your events and we can't help if we don't know there is a problem. Lead together and help each other when needed.

Old Business

Turtle Trot: Virtual assembly was fun and kids were very excited. Prizes and inflatables went well. Need more adults supervision for watching inflatables if we do them in the spring for field day. Virtual assembly was really great for younger classes who are sometimes overwhelmed at the noise and activity in the gym. 10 kids who weren't able to attend due to quarantine will get gift cards to Jungle Joes.

Dining out: Hadn't had an update from Rollup, but Colleen was following up. Made about \$175. November will be at Chipotle on 11/22 from 4-8pm. Christy said we can skip December if its not just working out.

Virtual Book Fair: Did not go as well as we hoped. Sales were \$173 total. Scheduled for another in March and May. Discussed the possibility of looking into doing a partnership with Bookbug. Tiffany will check into it.

Conference Dinners: Meals provided on 11/16 and 11/18. Budget is \$400/night. Ken will get with Sharon to figure out the 2nd night. Ken is donating the meal for one night from Jersey Giant.

Proposal: Christy and Erin propose we purchase a wireless speaker and 2 wireless microphones for PTO use. Cost is about \$550 for the speaker and \$75 each for the microphone plus tax. **THIS WOULD BE A PTO OWNED ITEM.** Maggie motioned to approve

upwards of \$700 for the speaker, seconded by Katie, approved unanimously. Colleen motioned to approved \$100 each for the microphones, second by Ken, unanimously approved.

-Also mention the possibility of purchasing a LCE flag for events. We would just need the flag, we have the support structures from Turtle Trot flags.

Newsletter: First edition went out. Waiting on edited video from assembly to go out in the Turtle Trot special edition. If anyone is interested in helping Maggie with newsletters, please let her know.

Family Fun: Event for December is in the works.

Upcoming Events

November 16 and 18 - Virtual teacher conferences

November 22 - Dining out at Chipotle 4-8

November 24-26 - No school, Thanksgiving Break

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

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

Next Meeting - January 10, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourns: 7:49pm motion Tiffany, second Erin