

Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.



Lake Center Elementary

Monday, February 4, 2019: 6:30 meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Maggie Piotter, Sarah Overholt, Sarah Blum, Kelly Jensenius, Stephanie Norg, Melissa Jorgensen, Jade Johnson, Summer Walker, Toyin Daranijob, Stacie Sokolowski, Carrie Funk, Lesley Cahill, Rachel Millward, Tommy Cottrell, Aggie Cottrell, Lisa Trott, Marci Mungovan, Tara Chumita, Kristen Weaver, Christy Szekely

Board Members Absent: Teresa Caron, Connie Nelson, Kim Evans

General Members in Attendance:

Agenda

Call to order at 6:32 pm by President, Maggie Piotter.

Secretary's Report-approval of January minutes – Motion to approve minutes by Tommy Cottrell 2nd - Erin Kissinger

Treasurer's Report – Erin explained that there were a few transfers in and out mostly from Father Daughter Dance and some teacher requests that were approved at the last meeting.

School News – Kelly Jensenius said that new WIN cycles have started this week now that we are back from all of the snow days. Report cards will now come home on Monday, February 11th. Kindergarten Screeners are coming out March 24th to families in the community with school age children. Conferences are coming up in March but look for the sign up coming out next week through School Bookings.com. Currently running the 2nd round of the STEAM club with the Ozobots. After one more week of that, they will look to start another session. Book fair to run during conferences.

Author visit on February 11th.

Event Business

Father Daughter Dance – This Saturday, February 9th. Masquerade Ball. Decorations to be set up starting at 7:00pm on Friday night. Masks will be provided for both Dads and daughters. Snacks are all set.

Battle of the Books – Monday, February 11th at LCE. Kristen Weaver said things are ready to go except for notepads.

Sarah Overholt will be there to keep score and run the PowerPoint on the screen. Summer Walker will be there to help read questions and Kelly will test out the microphone and the amplifiers this week because she won't be here the night of.

Box Tops – Collection next week and due next Friday (2/15th).

Family Paint Nights – Painting was a big hit with families. Running two more nights this week. More art panels to start with some of the grades who never were able to. Possibly run during the school day in the last week of February.

Family Skate Night – Another skate night is set for Thursday, February 21st right before mid-winter break.

Dining Out (February/March) – Email from Panera that we earned \$143.14 during January. They only gave 10-15 % and it was about half the amount of what we got last year. It was a paint night and also a ski club night. Not sure what else made it perform so poorly but we are doing fine with our dining out fundraising.

Mother Son Event (March 16) – Theme is "Who Dunnit, a Mother-Son Mystery" Clues given around the school and in different rooms Clue game style to figure out who stole the anchor. Meeting next week on Tuesday, February 12th at 4:00pm for planning. Nobody will know actually did it until 8:00 the night of the event. Make sure you arrive with your group that you want to travel with during the night. 20-25 people per room.

New Business

Executive Nominations – need to be turned in or emailed to Marci Mungovan by March 4th. Voting will take place during the March 11th board meeting. Be thinking of who you can personally invite that might have young students and really likes to be involved. We will also ask teachers to extend invitations to any parents that are especially helpful in the classroom.

General Board Nominations – We will be accepting these next month and voting in April. Remembering that these people should be personally invited as well.

Attendance- reminder you MUST attend a minimum of 6 meetings per year

Event Summaries & Financial Report Review – work on these to get them in so they aren't all coming in at the end of the year.

Teacher Requests:

Mrs. Ropp is requesting 2 wooden tables to hold glockenspiels during assemblies and concerts and furniture movers. \$175 – 200 – Stephanie Norg motion, Tara Chumita 2nd. All in favor.

Mr. Cram is looking for another shelving unit to hold 3D art projects \$75. Tommy Cottrell motion. 2nd by Tara Chumita. All in favor.

Annette from the library showed Maggie how to use contact paper to hold paperback books together for classroom novels or library books. \$60 for contact paper and clear packing tape to purchase this and make our books last a little longer. Tara Chumita motion to approve. Tommy Cottrell 2nd. All in favor.

Upcoming Dates

Father Daughter Dance- Feb 9th

Battle of the Books- Feb 11th

Battle of the Books Grand Battle at Moorsbridge Elementary Feb 18th

Family Skate Night- February 21st

No School February 22-25, mid-winter break

PTO meeting, Monday, March 11th- EXECUTIVE ELECTION & BOARD NOMINATIONS

Mother Son event, Saturday, March 16th 6:00-8:00

Comments, Questions, Concerns? Stephanie Norg voiced her concerns for us to stay involved in Curriculum and to make sure that we have a parent representative at the District CIC meetings because eventually our students will be affected even if it doesn't seem like a high priority now while our students are in elementary grades. Karen Warner was our representative but she no longer has a student in our elementary building. Jessica Winstanley is on the committee but she is also a part of it because of her position in the District and not solely because of her role as a parent. Stephanie reiterated that she wanted us to stay true to our mission statement as a PTO. Maggie mentioned that possibly Mike Huber would be able to come for a visit to let us know how the changes in the District will affect our children and our building.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 – Maggie motioned and Christy Szekely 2nd. All in favor.

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

Next Meeting- Monday March 11th, 6:30 in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided

Deadlines: March Newsletter & spring PTO event flyer Friday, February 15th