

Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

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



Board Members in Attendance: Christy Szekely, Jill Frazee, Erin Kissinger, Heather Kay, Lesley Cahill, Tara Chumita, Tiffany Irvine, Sam Loker, Amanda Osborn, Colleen Ruggiero, Ken Slocum, Megan Start, Maggie Piotter, Nicole Reedy, Autumn Knapp, Melanie Carlisle

Board Members Absent: Kayleen Grand, Sasha DeKam, Katrina Miller, Sara Blum

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 December minutes. Motion to approve by Tara and second by Erin.

Treasurer's Report: Three deposits for dining out \$660.92 total, teacher payments, box top money, birthday gift cards, 4 more checks will be going out for teacher reimbursements totaling just under \$600. 1st by Lesley 2nd by Tara.

School News by *Alex McCullough*: We are partnering with 12 baskets for can donation drive. Set up thru student council this year to do online donations. Link on flyers that went out will be corrected soon. February is a "kindness" theme for most of the elementary schools. Diversity equity inclusion coordinator recently joined PPS. He is doing listening tours at all different PPS buildings to determine where we are at as a district. COVID updates – all classrooms have air purifiers now and most of the staff was able to get vaccinated last week. Picture day F2F – Feb 24, virtual will have a date once centralized location is determined. Both virtual and F2F will be in the yearbook. District is providing face masks for kids that need them.

Summer Walker: One district one book (ODOB), all 8 Elementary schools are reading the same book in March. Reading specialists from each building are working together to come up with the same activities for all kids to be doing district wide. Title will be released in March, books go home on 3/4, virtual on 3/5 during packet pickup. It will include calendar of events for families to do together and teachers will have the option to complete some as well. Everyone is welcome to post photos representing their activities if they would like to.

District Update – PTO President Luncheon – end of January – notes passed along from Christy: on average 35 went to F2F. On May 4th ballot we are requesting to renew funds for Special Education kids - 1.5 million district wide. Each district is in the process of having their own DEI team, February meeting is important for everyone to go to find out what is going on at each school.

Old Business

Dining Out Events: Erbelli's check received \$250, next scheduled at Texas Roadhouse for 2 nights Monday 2/22 and Tuesday 2/23-there will be a QR code to scan and you just mention Lake Center for 10% off purchases. Rollup ice cream and tea – will be getting back to us. Culvers – declined to work with us right now due to COVID. Chick Filet – with COVID cannot do any fundraising. Adding YOPA to the list.

Conference Dinners: March 16th and March 18th. Ken is willing to donate subs for the teachers again.

Spring Spirit Wear: We are raising the cost just a bit. Spirit shop is working on changing the color and price for us, Jill is making a flyer and Heather will print for kids to take home. Scheduled for 2/22 thru 3/15 and will overlap with Book Fair, but shouldn't be a problem. Same logos and sizes; changes can be done next year as we are simply trying to make profit. Sorting and dispersing falls on Marlene and Sharon.

BoxTops: 3/1 submission – Majority agree it is not worth pushing and risking COVID contamination at the school. It was only \$12 in the spring. Currently \$147 for online submissions. Teachers are not even aware that they need to be collecting or promoting these because they do not have a designated spot or envelope in their classrooms.

Book Fair: Scheduled for 3/8 – 3/22, Lesley will email flyers to Sharon for printing and take home purposes. Lesley will check if scholastic dollars can be used instead of cash for cost of magazines.

New Business

- Executive Nominations - email nominations to Marci, include name, contact info and position (mainly VP & Secretary).
- Election will be 4/12.
- General Board Nominations - email Marci.
- Christy motions to wave this year towards term limits. Maggie seconds. All are good – Motion is approved. Erin will remain as treasurer.
- Christy motions to move executive election to April and general election to May. Erin seconds. Motion is approved.
- Teacher Requests - 1) from Anne Rutten - \$50 for 24 clear plastic storage bins with lids for art supplies. Maggie motions in favor and Autumn second. Motion approved.
- Amazon Smile – need to promote this as a form of contribution to the school. Maybe send out a recap of all the

different ways to “give” to the school - Alex or Maggie will dig out the poster from the closet and bring it to Christy.

Upcoming Dates/Events

2/15 - DEI Listening Tour

2/22 thru 3/15 - Spirit Wear Sale

2/24 - Picture Day for F2F

2/26 thru 3/1 - No School - mid-winter break

3/8 thru 3/22 – Book Fair

3/16 & 3/18 - Teacher Conferences/Dinners

4/12 - PTO meeting, Monday, March 8th- EXECUTIVE ELECTION & BOARD NOMINATIONS (or April 12th)

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

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

Next Meeting- Monday April 12th, Via Zoom

Meeting Adjourns: 7:29 pm Christy motions to close and Ken second.