

Monday, April 11, 2022 6:30 meeting (MINUTES)

Board Members in Attendance: Christy Szekely, Erin Kissinger, Jessica Biggs, Amanda Osborn, Caitlyn Demmond, Colleen Ruggiero, Kayleen Grand, Ken Slocum, Megan Start, Nicole Reedy, Sam Loker, Sarah Blum, Sasha DeKam, Tiffany Irvine, Amanda Molitor, Erika Shoemaker, Laura Bedore

Board Members Absent: Katrina Miller, Maggie Piotter

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

Parent Members in Attendance: Katie Rodewald

Call to order: Christy at 6:32 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: No variance. Teacher reimbursements approved, reimbursement for Ken for conference dinners, staff approvals. Motion to approve by Colleen and second by Tiffany.

School News by Alex: MSTEP starts this week and snacks are coming in for testing time. Field trips are coming back and more info will come out as details are worked out. 5th grade camp is next week. Benchmark screening is happening in May. Progress reports went home Monday.

PTO Executive Board vote: Co-Presidents: Christy Szekely and Erin Kissinger, VP: Amanda Molitor, Treasurer: Colleen Ruggiero, Secretary: Jessica Biggs

Old Business

Spirit Wear - We made about \$500, delivery in 2-3 weeks. Maybe advertise as a fundraiser next year.

Conference Dinners- Went well, no complaints. Turbo Chicken and subs from Jersey Giant.

Dining Out Updates – Y'opa made about \$70. Have Applebees lined up for 4/26. Ken proposed really hitting local businesses and asking for a flat percentage since we bring in so much business. Ken and Colleen will work toward this goal for future setups.

New Business

Teacher Requests – PTO request: Christy proposed we use the \$500 student aid budget and an additional \$1500 for our general fund to purchase books for students who cannot afford them from the book fair. Summer and Alex will work to designate families and help them in a discreet manner. Tiffany informed us that we can load an e-wallet for these families through scholastic to help. All kids will have access to books to walk through and see what they would like. Extra money would be used to purchase leftover books (hopefully at a discount) to be used for future PTO projects. We would like to be able to give each student a book on their birthday and potentially at other times of the year. Motion to approve by Jessica, Second by Ken, **Motion passed by majority vote.**

General Board Nominations- Open now through 5/4. There is also a link in the Monday memo. Voting will be 5/9.

Updated Events Calendar

- April 27 - Admin Appreciation Day
- May 2-5 - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 9 @ 6:30pm - PTO Meeting
- May 14 6-8pm - "Glow" Under the Stars family event
- End of May - Field Day
- June 2 6:30-8pm Ice cream social/book fair
- June 6 @ 6:30pm - PTO Meeting
- June ? - 5th Grade Celebration
- June 10? - Potential drive through graduation
- June 10 - Staff Luncheon

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

Meeting Adjourns 7:53 pm Motion to approve: Christy, Second: Erin

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

Deadlines: May Newsletter - April 23rd

Next Meeting- Monday May 9, 6:30 pm, LCE cafeteria