

Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Monday, April 16, 2018, 6:30 meeting



BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Blum, Teresa Caron, Tara Chumita, Aggie Cottrell, Emily Cottingham, Toyin Daranijoh, Kim Evans, Melissa Jorgensen, Rachel Millward, Melissa Nicola, Connie Nelson, Stephanie Norg, Sarah Overholt, Maggie Piotter, Kristen Weaver.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rachel Bryant, Tommy Cottrell, Stacie Sokolowski, Stephanie Tangeman.

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

PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Cahill, Melanie Carlisle, Jade Johnson, Erin Kissinger, Nicole Reedy, Christy Szekely.

EXECUTIVE Agenda

Call to order – 6:35 pm by Maggie Piotter

Secretary's Report - approval of March minutes – Motion to approve by Tara Chumita, second by Teresa Caron

Treasurer's Report – Kalsee savings: \$10,033.44, checking: \$30,227.68, total of \$40,261.12. There are 3 outstanding checks totaling \$567.15. Total in PTO Manager is \$39,693.97. Motion to approve by Aggie Cottrell, second by Kristen Weaver.

School News

- M-Step is going smoothly. The snack donations are greatly appreciated by the students.
- STEM student showcase is on Thursday April 19. There will be kids demonstrating what they have been learning in class. The interns are doing a maker space in the cafeteria.
- STEAM club will start on Tuesday. The club will run for 6 weeks, meet on Tuesdays for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. 18 kids will be participating. Ms. Vandenberg, Ms. Stiverson and Mrs. Jensenius will be running the club. Parents volunteers are welcome to help, please contact Kelly if you would like to participate.
- Kelly and Michael Cram have been talking about the kids painting rocks at the end of the year picnic. It will be on May 31 with a rain date of June 4.
- Enrollment is down about 40 kids, mostly young 5's and kindergarten. Our count is at 518 right now. As of now, there will be 4 sections of 4th grade next year. 3rd grade is the lowest count right now and at the moment there will be 3 sections of 3rd grade. It's not solely about the numbers but also about the composition of the students at the grade level.
- Benchmark assessments are complete. Progress reports went home today. Report card will go home at the end of the year.

PTO Board Member Nominee Introductions & Vote

- With the current enrollment numbers, we are allowed to have 15 general board members. We are going to vote tonight but will wait on the numbers to finalize the board.

Old Business

Spring Pictures

-went well- more students took spring pictures than in past years

Mother Son Super Hero Slam

- 120 families came to the event – 190 students
- Please contact Aggie if you need a copy of your photograph. It is a free download for each family.
- Thank you to Western Michigan University and Melissa Jorgensen for organizing the football players.
- Decorating/setup was tight. It would be better if it was on a Saturday.

Culvers – Great turnout! Thank you to the staff for volunteering. The kids loved seeing the teachers.

-\$476 proceeds

-hit \$1500 for the Dining Out goal with Taco Bob's coming up in May

New Business

May & June PTO meetings

May meeting will stay at 6:30 pm

June Board Meeting will be June 11, time TBD

Budget Status – We have about \$3000 available to give. This is keeping \$10,000 in savings to rollover for expenses next year, mostly 5th grade camp.

Teacher Requests

- Green Screen proposal – package for \$1299 from MACUL. Sarah was able to piece everything together for \$862.61. This includes an iPad which wasn't included in the package from MACUL. This would be available for all of the classes to use. All in favor, motion approved.
 - Opposed by Stephanie Norg – Stephanie thinks that this amount of money could be better spread out among the students, not just limited to the Captain's Crew.
- Kelly Jensenius & Michael Cram
 - Paint Rock Path - \$300 for the landscape supplies (rocks), sealant, book to read to the students.
 - We are going to ask for Mulder's Landscaping to donate the rocks. The rocks are \$180 of the budgeted cost.
 - The Invisible Mural Project – \$140 for RainWorks. Motion to approve by Stephanie Norg, second by Kristen Weaver. All in favor, motion approved.
- Third grade is taking their students to the Air Zoo for a field trip. Mrs. Ostertag also won a contest to have the Air Zoo come in for a demonstration. She is requesting that the other classes are included. This would be an additional \$200.
 - We typically budget \$1000 for field trips. This trip will go over by \$122.78. Motion to approve by Kristen Weaver, second by Melissa Nicola. All in favor, motion approved.
- 4th grade and 5th grade – Celebration Cinema to see the movie Dream Big. There is also a curriculum that goes along with the movie. May 18

Upcoming Events

Mileage Club (Wednesdays April-May)

- Sign-ups are full for the rest of the year

Admin. Asst Week -April 25-29

Staff Appreciation Week-May 7-11

- The theme is Sunshine. Sarah and Melissa have gotten some local companies to donate items for the week. There is also a sign up genius for parent volunteers.

Anchor Run- May 20th 3:30 pm

- Registration form will be coming out in the next couple days. Information will go home.
- Cost will be down \$10/person.
- It will be a color run with other fun stations.
- This will also be the 90th birthday of Lake Center celebration

Terracycle

- All of the teachers have boxes for collections. A handout went home with the students. There will be a collection for the entire month. Kids will earn tokens for bringing items in. The winning class will get to pick the charity to help and will earn a smoothie bar.

Dining Out – Taco Bob's May 15, all day

***2018-2019 Events – food for thought:

-Regrouping into event committees starting in May

Meeting adjourn 8:22 pm by Tara Chumita second by Kristen Weaver

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

Meeting Adjourns

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

Deadlines: May Newsletter – April 23rd

Next Meeting- Monday May 14th, 6:30 pm in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided