

Monday Sept 11, 2017 – 6:30 Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Blum, Tara Chumita, Aggie Cottrell, Tommy Cottrell, Emily Cottingham, Kim Evans, Melissa Jorgensen, Rachel Millward, Melissa Nicola, Stephanie Norg, Sarah Overholt, Maggie Piotter, and Stephanie Tangeman.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE: Kelly Jensenius, Marci Mungovan, Lisa Trott, and Thea Vaughn.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rachel Bryant, Teresa Caron, Toyin Daranijoh, Connie Nelson, Stacie Sokolowski, and Kristen Weaver.

GENERAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marcia Bida, Christy Szekely, Lora Darrah, Erin Kissinger, and Jade Johnson.

Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President Maggie Piotter.

Secretary's Report – Motion to approve August minutes made by Tommy Cottrell, 2nd by Stephanie Tangeman. All in favor, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Maggie Piotter for Connie Nelson

- We did switch banks, to Kalsee Credit Union.
- We paid upfront to get Spirit Wear magnet and we are starting to make payments for the events this year. We are holding off on any teacher requests until after Turtle Trot income comes in.
- PTO Checking balance is \$11,847.93, PTO Checking 2 is \$7,804.18 and Savings is \$10,024.67.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Tommy Cottrell, 2nd by Stephanie Tangeman. All in favor, motion approved.

School News – Kelly Jensenius

- Kelly, Kristi Kling, and Alicia Mendham were chosen to speak at a conference in Orlando, Oct 22-25. Topics to include: How do you connect with your community and continue to grow? How do you use PLTW in your classroom?
- Dibels and Star testing coming up – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Specials schedule – Fridays will alternate between 1st and 2nd semester. STEAM special will be added to certain grade levels. It will be art with a focus towards science and engineering.
- Maker Space room – Teachers will check out the room and be able to look at other PLTW materials.

Old Business

School Spruce Up – Sod was put down in the front of the school and a lot of work was done around the building.

Grab and Go Breakfast – Stacie Sokolowski chaired the event. Teachers said it was wonderful.

Welcome Back Coffee – Melissa Nicola said that it went well. They saved a lot of money using Chartwell's instead of Biggby for the coffee.

Legends – Pictures went great. Pictures will be on sale at Open House for \$5.

New Business

Budget Proposal – Proposed spending is within \$1 of proposed income. Be aware of your event budget. There are areas that we can shift spending if Turtle Trot income isn't as expected.

Teacher Requests – Mrs. Vaughn is here to share about a new program for Kindergarten and Young 5's. Last April Mrs. Jensenius sent the kindergarten teachers to the Zones of Regulation conference in Chicago. This training focuses on helping students understand and deal with emotions/feelings and also helping them recognize other people's emotions. They are now trying to incorporate their training into their classrooms and helping to teach student about common emotions they are experiencing. Teachers will ask students how they are feeling and why they are feeling like that. The teachers are creating tubs to help students deal with their emotions. Each tub contains sensory objects and calming techniques to help students get out of their "zone". They are requesting funds to purchase books for their own classrooms about feelings and how to deal with them. They are also requesting funds to buy sensory objects for each of the zones.

Proposal: Literature and sensory tools to help us integrate the Zones of Regulation curriculum into our classrooms to help develop students' ability to self-regulate their emotions

5 - \$300 per teacher = book library and CDs

5- \$100 per teacher = sensory tools for calming spaces in classrooms

Communications –

- We are trying to get people on Facebook. Make sure to share any PTO events or announcements. Maggie and Sarah can set up a FB event linked to the FB page and possibly the Watch us Grow FB page that Kelly started.
- Newsletter deadline is 3rd Friday of the month. Make sure to get your information to Sarah so she can put it in the newsletter.

Sponsorship – PTO will provide Turtle Trot t-shirts. We will receive a sponsorship to cover the cost of the t-shirts. There are different levels of sponsorships. Maggie will be going to businesses looking for sponsorships. Companies will either have a banner on the fence or on the back of the t-shirt depending on the level of sponsorship. Commitment must be made by Sept 22 to be printed on the back of the shirt. T-shirts will be delivered on Sept 27.

Konstella – Sarah is available to help set up sign ups. We need to get parents enrolled so they can see the PTO events and sign up for events they can help with.

Upcoming Events

Mileage Club – Wednesdays during lunch hour beginning 9/13. Volunteers are needed to help during recess. 10:15-1:15

Open House & Scholastic Book Fair – Thurs Sept 14th

Spirit Wear – Stephanie Norg

- We will have online ordering again this year.
- There are 3 new designs and 6" magnets for \$5. Samples will be available at Open House.

Picture Day – Friday 9/22 – We need 6 volunteers this year.

Turtle Trot – Friday 9/29

Dining Out – 9/26 – Peace Love & Little Donuts: 20 % of all sales that day will be credited to us for donuts to use throughout the year 6 am – 7 pm; Culvers (10% of sales) -10/24 from 5-8 pm, Panera, Chipotle and Erbelli's

Family Fun Nights – Harvest Moon Acres – October, WMU game

Box Tops – The first contest will be held the first week in October

Terracycle – Recycling program

- Personal care – anything in your bathroom. Bring in empty bottles/containers and we receive \$0.01/item. Shampoo, makeup, lotion, face wash. No glass or aerosol
- Granola bar wrappers – bin in the cafeteria. Any that are foil lined
- Oral care – old toothbrushes, toothpaste containers, dental floss, mouthwash

Comments, Questions, Concerns?

Meeting Adjourns: 8:22 by Maggie Piotter

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

Next Meeting – Monday, October 9th, 6:30 in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided

Upcoming Dates: 9/12 – Kindergarten Parent Night; 9/13 – Mileage Club starts; 9/14 – Open House and Book Fair; 9/22-School Pictures; 9/26 – Dining Out at Peace, Love & Little Donuts; 9/29 – Turtle Trot

Deadlines: Event Dates – 9/12; October Newsletter – 9/23