

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016

The November PTO meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Members present included Amanda Johnson, Duana Howard, Shannon Conaway, Sarah Lewin, Louise Brown Helen Lukes, Cheri Reed, Kelci Jahnel, Nikki Sidles and Cyndi Losey

Welcome

Amanda Johnson and Shannon Conaway, Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the November meeting and proceeded to have introductions made around the room.

Treasurer's Report – (Duana Howard)

PTO Fund

Beginning Balance: 10/13/16 \$16,232.81

Total Income \$44,228.79

Total Expenses \$386.90

Ending Balance: 11/9/16 \$60,074.70

Expected Expenses: \$29,642.20 (Fundraiser, West School Supplies, EWALU/Living History Farms-2016, Remaining Teacher Reimbursements, JK Play Items, Kindergarten Rug)

East Fund

Beginning Balance: 10/13/16 \$6,134.72

Income \$0.00

Expenses \$0.00

Ending Balance: 11/9/16 \$6,134.72

Total Checkbook Balance: 11/9/16 \$66,209.42

The fall fundraiser brought in \$44,212.08. The PTO will get roughly 45% of that total. Duana wanted to remind everyone that you can donate your pop can/bottle money to the PTO through Nickelback and if you shop through Amazon, please use Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase can be donated to Independence PTO.

Old Business

The pencil sharpeners for Holli Osvald's and Tara Anderson's classroom are in and the teachers have said they have made sharpening 20+ pencils a day much easier. Amanda asked for some feedback regarding the fundraiser company, Cherrydale, and its products. It was noted that the candles seemed a bit expensive, as did some of the pizza choices. The PTO is going to put together a short survey and send it out to families to get feedback from everyone. This will come out after all products have been delivered.

New Business

The PTO will be providing a meal for the teachers during conferences on Monday, November 21. We are getting sub sandwiches from 1st Street Deli. A Google Doc signup sheet for desserts, bottled water, ice and chips has been sent out.

There will be no meeting in December. The next PTO meeting will be January 11 at 7:00 pm in the East Media Center.

PTO Family Movie Night will be Friday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. The movie for this event is Finding Dory. Pajamas and blankets are welcome! There will be free popcorn and juice!

The PTO have offered two \$500 scholarships through Dollars for Scholars in the past. This was voted on and was approved unanimously to continue. One scholarship requires that a student be an education major and the other is a general scholarship.

Our schools earned the BMX Bike Show incentive from the fall fundraiser. Two shows are scheduled for Friday, November 18 in the West Elementary Gym. West students will watch at 10 am and East students will watch the show at 12:45 pm that day.

Upcoming Events

PTO Family Movie Night: "Finding Dory"-Friday, December 2, 2016

Volunteers Needed: A Google Doc will be sent out to help get volunteers for this event.

Fund Requests

Kelci Jahnel presented a fund request for additional Core Wobble Chairs. She has seen improvement in student focus and behavior through the use of a Core Wobble Chair in her first grade classroom. She is requesting the funds to purchase four more of this type of chair for student use. The cost of four chairs would be \$279.80. There was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of the chairs.

Nikki Sidles presented a fund request for miscellaneous office supplies (highlighters, Sharpie markers, binders, various types of tape, etc.). These supplies are made available to the teachers for use in the classroom and they go through each type of supply at various times of the year. She is requesting funds up to \$450.00 for the year at East. There was a unanimous vote to approve this request and a discussion to include this fund approval at the beginning of each school year for both East and West.

Helen Lukes presented a fund request for the 3rd grade team for milk for each student at their Book It field trips to Pizza Hut in January and April. The cost of milk for this is \$0.79 per student and up to \$160.00 for both field trip if every student reaches the goal. It was voted on and approved by a unanimous vote.

There will be no December PTO Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Submitted by Cyndi Losey/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

Amanda Johnson, Co-Chair

Shannon Conaway, Co-Chair

Duana Howard, Treasurer

Cyndi Losey, Secretary