

Minnewashta Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020 6:10 -

PTO Present, Heidi Post, Tara Pitkin, Barb Seifert, Andrea Back, Brittany Yamauchi, Michelle Lee, Gretchen Padget,

PTO Absent, Nikki Gordon

Heidi Post called meeting to order at 6:10

I. Welcome and Introductions, Heidi Post President

- Motion to approve October PTO Minutes, Motion approved

II. Fundraising, Barbara Seifert

- Discussed Survey Opportunity, no trials carried out as yet. Heidi to follow up with Brad to let him know we will revisit in January.
- Boosterthon follow up, final number \$43,219 net. Gretchen waiting for the invoice. E learning Kids did not get their T-shirts, they will receive to get T-shirts on picture day. Discussed Boosterthon 2021 dates, 9-29 - 10/8, maybe a friendly competition with Scenic Height and Excelsior. Barbara to work with the Scenic heights Fundraising Coordinator.
- Give to the Max on Thursday (11/8/2020) - light push on facebook
- Potential pairing up with Excelsior Retailers for give back, Heidi to talk with, something safari, Nicole Levold and Kristen Viger

III. Book Fair, Tara Pitkin/ Michelle Lee

- Book Fair Total \$4200 sales bringing in \$1000 scholastic dollars while disappointing it is better than we could have helped.
- We can set up fairs whenever we want and net 25% maybe do a holiday sale which is more than the 2% received from scholastic for regular sales.
- Spring book fair dates on hold for March but maybe move to April and use kids e wallets, parking lot tents etc,. Tara and Michelle to revisit in January and discuss.
- Fall Bookfair with conferences October 14-15 2021

IV. VP Report, Andrea Bach and Michelle Lee

- Enrichment request from Stephaine Mueller 5th Grade, The old naturalist. \$540, 3 field trips across the grade in English and Spanish. 40 minutes per class. APPROVED
- Enrichment Request Speech \$163.29 for unusual speech sounds APPROVED

- Any enrichment requests received in November and December will be done virtually to push through as no December PTO meeting.

V. Volunteer Coordinator, Brittany Yamauchi

- No Updates

VI. Treasure Report, Gretchen Padget

- Income Update
\$92 Mabels Labels
\$69,000 Boosterthon
- Expenses
T-shirts Boosterthon \$3900
Teacher and Bus driver appreciation \$608
Administration Expenses \$650
- \$94,000 in Checking and Savings (Boosterthon Invoice to be paid)
- No Birthday books program this year as no school resources, 33 children from last year due to early closure, Michelle is working with them to facilitate.
- Taxes- The accountants have prepared and will be sent in this week once signed by the PTO, Due January 2020
- Open discussion on funds to re allocate back to the school given success of Boosterthon. increase enrichment, graduation, teacher appreciation increase, opening up the naturalist to each grade level. Donations to the playground needs. We have verbally approved any of the above and will officially approve

VII. Principles Report, Cindy Andress

- Staff list 209 members at Minnewashta across both sites and continuing to hire lunch positions
- Kids are happy and kids doing a nice job of keeping the mask on and staying in the seat.
- Cindy Met with each grade and class on a google meet

VIII. Presidents Report, Heidi Post

- Drop box is \$450 annually for 3 logins, needing a centralised location for documents and organising. Drop box documents could be in any format. Other options are Google Drive but these are not centralized. We will look at a google for business account as well, maybe G Suite for non profit. Maybe Amazon has one as well. We could also switch to Microsoft one drive. Heidi to report back in January.
- Heidi has set up all PTO meetings in facebook and will post the agenda the day of.
- PTO positions that still need filling, President 2022-2023, Vice President 2021-2022 Fundraising 2022-2023 and Secretary 2021-2022 Heidi to push these on facebook and the school newsletter.

- District leadership meeting addressing concerns of transition to e-learning. Minnetonka has been cleared by the Governor not to fall in line with the whole of Hennepin County.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Turnbull, Member at Large