

PLES PTO Meeting Minutes- October 26th, 2022

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Meeting was called to order at 4:25PM. Meeting was held offsite at La Casa Fiesta in Monument, CO

In attendance: Tony Davison, Steed Dolan, Brecken Klein, Tammy Dolan, Laura Quinlan, Jen Gardner, April Fullman, Carly McAdam, Caleb Cunningham, Danit Cunningham, Jenny Davey, Kim Briding

Introductions

Everyone went around and introduced themselves.

Carly went over the PTO's purpose. Going over the Mission Statement, Goals, what PTO provides, and events we host.

Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes

Tony stated that there were no changes submitted to the previous month's minutes. Asked if there were any other requested changes. Motioned to approve the minutes, Carly seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Budget is approximately \$30,000. Spirit sweatshirts will be on sale at Rockhouse and the Barn Dance for \$30.

Dorothy requested Planners for the 2023-2024 school year via email to Carly. Cost is \$1254.88. Laura put a motion to vote on the Planners, Tony seconded. Unanimously approved.

Principal's Report

Peggy had a meeting, Carly reporting. Looking forward to Halloween parties. Lunches and Dinners for the conferences looked amazing, teachers loved it. End of 1st Tri next Thurs, 11/3. Nov 11th – Barn Dance 530 – 7PM. Report cards go out 4PM Nov 10th. Confirmed Volunteering counts as parent being there. No kids on playground – 5th grad fundraiser for High Trails.

Old Business

Arlene's Beans Give back night got us \$200. Next give back is Bella Panini, 11/9. Bring a flyer so they know how many people came from PLES, but they will count all orders towards donation.

During old business, there started to be a lot of questions and discussions. Laura asked what attracts parents. Popsicle Pop-in help drive where need is. A definitive volunteer schedule could help with getting people to volunteer time if they now specifics. The PTO would like to have 20-30 people showing up to meetings to at least be aware of current events. Questionnaires went out to teachers. There are 246 children, guessing 140ish families. Back 2 School night PTO organized food trucks. Need to specify number of people, community event. Board asked parents if everyone was getting the sign-up geniuses,

everyone said they did. PTO would be dissolved if we didn't volunteer. PTO involved in multiple events and being around the school to get to know staff. Christmas grams will be Dec 13th, need volunteers. No Trick or Treat grams from us this year. Follow ups from Popsicle Pop-ins to those who said they would volunteer would be good. April said we follow up as the events get closer. Great Wolf Lodge will be coming up again in February. We will get \$10per room. Great for kids to run around with their friends from school. School has amazon smile account. Look into PTO account. Would like to see this advertised more.

New Business

Tony went over submissions for By-Law amendments. These will be voted on at the next meeting.

- Submission of By-Law amendments.
 - Change to Article V Section 3: From "... communicate records of each meeting to the Executive Board, staff and families via email, posting in the school and on the school website." To "... via email **request**, ..."
 - Add New Section(5) to Article VIII Meetings: **Meeting minutes shall be documented for the record and posted in accordance with Secretary duties outlined above within a week(7 days) of the meeting. Any changes to the meeting minutes can be communicated back to the Board by members via writing, email or at the next PTO meeting. During the next PTO meeting, any changes submitted to the initial meeting minutes will be announced, any other changes will be requested, and a vote will be conducted to approve the meeting minutes with a two-thirds vote.**

Laura went over Book Fair. It will be Nov 4th – Nov 11th (Running through the Barn Dance). Reminders were sent out today to those who signed up at Popsicle Pop-in. So far 1 sign up. Librarian is there in the mornings. Afternoon and Barn Dance is most important for coverage. We are flexible if needed with time. We have \$4k Scholastic bucks. Want to give all the money to classes. Scholastic gives us funds as Scholastic Bucks for fair. Teachers get access to catalog if it is a wishlist. Mrs. Thomas trying it out now. Book Box that teachers drop books in and we buy during book fair.

Carly talked about AR Workshop Fundraiser 11/9. Pick your project, got a discount deal. PTO will get 10% back. Info will be in Thursday folders. We have 30 spaces. Arts and crafts – can check their websites. Restaurants and other fundraisers give back roughly 10%. Every restaurant had different stipulations, i.e Chik-Fil-A had to be there at a certain time for only a couple of hours and you had to mention the name. Started doing local only.

Popcorn Friday – 11/11, we are good to go.

Decorations Committee needed for School Decorations 11/17. Christmas trees, blow ups stuff, Before Santa's Breakfast. Some stuff getting old, buy new stuff or possibly ask for donations. Decorations in cafeteria and office

Clubs at PLES. Chess club is back. K-kids is back (4th – 6th grade). Jen would like to help with clubs.

Next meeting 11/30 4PM. Likely in the library.

More PTO information on what PTO does

We would love feedback for how to get more involvement. Sports Equipment would come from teacher grants. PTO pretty much approves everything. Teachers have access to funds for their class. Pack the pantry PTO helps. Asking classes to help donate. Everything we do to emphasize to the teachers that we support them. Get Grants in early. Paperwork is in the office in PTO box.

Running Balance for budget. 4th of July fun run biggest event, keep \$15k minimum in account to fund run. We want everyone to know what we do, why and where all the money goes. PTO has even sponsored kids for field trips. Being a PTO member helps build relationships with the school community. Great way to match up kids with teachers when you know them better.

Treasurer contacted accountant. He is out of office Will do Taxes and S.O.S. for State of Colorado.

Typically, we have \$8k book fair. Need \$2k-\$3k to keep current status. Any way to make it easier to send family links would be helpful, but everything is ran through Scholastic.

Meeting was ended at 5:24PM