

PLES PTO Meeting Minutes- September 28th, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 4:07PM

In attendance: Tony Davison, Carly McAdam, Brenda LeSage, Hanna Parker, Kelsey Belsher, Laura Quinlan, Ray Decker, Kim Briding, April Fullman, Tiffiney Upchurch, Kyle Blakely, Maria Kowalski, Chris Thomas, Jenny Davey

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. This information will be going out in Thursday Folders.

Principal's Report

Brenda filled in for Peggy. Prowl went great, all money due next Friday. Conferences coming up, teachers will send out info for virtual/in-person. Halloween celebrated on Friday the 28th. Monday the 31st will be a normal day.

Treasurer's Report

Fun run we still have some incoming/outgoing transactions, Kelsey waiting on some checks to clear. \$24,471.81 donated from fun run. Current working budget is \$36k.

Voted on \$200 for teacher startup fund. Unanimously approved.

Old Business

Popcorn Friday – Success at last minute, already have volunteer for next one – Nov 11th

Bella Panini Give Back night – this was moved, likely November

New Business

Great Wolf Lodge Fundraiser – Was all booked by Friday, 20 rooms. Looking at rates for Feb, 30 rooms.

Teacher Conference Dinner (October 12th) and Lunch (October 13th) – have a signup genius in Peggy's newsletter and on Facebook page. Lunch on Friday is asking for donations and ordering something.

Arlene's Beans Give Back Night (October 19th) – All ready to go. Don't need to mention anything, just go that day.

Scholastic Book Fair – We have 4 volunteers already. Need to set times and expectations for any volunteers. Need 2 volunteers for any time slot. Laura will confirm book fair with Kim Garrels(book fair

rep) to reserve everything. Items will be delivered week before (sometime Wed. – Fri) and school will let PTO know. We need a chair to be main point of contact to run event. Chair will have toolkit needed to document everything. Chair +2 volunteers to help setup. M-F(11/4-11/11) need to determine how many volunteers we can get to find out when the book fair will be available to students. Last year was morning and after school. Looking into someone around 11-1 during the day too. Barn Dance is normally last day, need 6 min as this is a big event and help with takedown. PTO deposits all money received and then gets an invoice from Scholastic. Used Scholastic bucks for teacher wish lists, support kids in school, library, etc. Should we try to get volunteers from each grade to encourage more turnout? Went over where we can talk to parents: volunteered, already gave email, came to a meeting, Thursday folders, knock on windows at pickup. Sign up genius is ready to go out

Clubs at PLES – due to time constraints, this will be discussed next meeting

Next Meeting PTO Mixer at La Casa Fiesta, October 26th, appetizers will be provided.

D38 Board update and MLO

Mrs. Upchurch gave some updates on D38. October count upcoming, have kids in attendance. D38 has reevaluated bonds and given refunds to taxpayers. DAC is coming up, unified improvement plan. We are a district with distinction. Engage and elevates coming up, one tonight at PRHS. Topics cover character education, teacher comps and various other aspects. Upcoming MLO is 7.45Mils only to be used for teacher/staff pay. Preschool is funded through Prop EE. D38 behind pay via Gallagher and amendment 23. Starting pay about \$38k for teachers, 10% below competitors.

Kyle added some more info about the MLO. Reviewing the issue, cost, consequences of it not passing and how people can volunteer. Runs the Vote Yes on 4A for D38 campaign. Look online for Friends of D38. They will be walking precincts starting from Limbaugh Park. All donations to run campaign. Need help to get the word out. 10k parents in district with kids in school. 80% of current budget is staff. Ballots go out on Oct 17th.

By-Laws

Ray brought up some potential issues with the by-laws. Concerns were that minutes were not being voted on to be approved at the beginning of each meeting and that the agenda was not posted 3 days prior to a meeting. Concerns were brought up about the periodic reports to the State and ensuring we were in good standing. Discussions around 501c3 need to follow strict rules for grants and need approval. Suggested 1 month is too long to wait to vote on meeting minutes. Would like more info on the budget, what we have specifically and revenue/expenses.

April discussed that we are all volunteers doing these jobs because no one else will. Doing our best to ensure we can give back to the school while remaining in good standing with the state. We almost had to dissolve the PTO due to lack of volunteers and some of the asks sound good but might be above and beyond what is asked in the by-laws as we all have full-time jobs, kids, spouses, personal responsibilities, and other volunteer obligations. Ray responded that we should ensure we have proper procedures in place so everything can run smoothly, and everything gets disclosed properly.

Meeting was ended at 5:22PM