

PTO MEETING MINUTES

11/08/2023

- 1) Meeting called to order
 - a. The November meeting was called to order by President Anne Earsley.
 - b. Members present: Autumn Bowers, Natasha Sawicki, Jen Garlie, Erika Engstrom, Heather Johnson, Jan Hansen, Heidi Quinn, Melanie Biesterfeld, Janet Burgquist, Jess Oswald, Jenalee Mollman, Brooklyn Schaan, Emily Speten.
 - c. Teachers present: Mr. Woock, Ms. Berg.
- 2) Agenda
 - a. The November agenda was reviewed by the group.
 - i. No changes or additions to the agenda.
- 3) Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. The October 2023 minutes were reviewed and approved by the group.
- 4) Teacher's report
 - a. Mr. Woock thanked PTO for the 6th-8th grade field trip to Gateway to Science in Bismarck. The field trip was a huge success and super beneficial to the students.
 - i. In addition, each 6th-8th grader wrote out a thank you card to the PTO. The thank you notes from every student was a first for the PTO. Such a nice gesture from the students.
 - b. On behalf of Mrs. Haugen, Ms. Berg has requested assistance hosting 2 bake sales during the music concerts in December.
- 5) Officer's report
 - a. President's report-nothing new to report
 - b. Vice-president's report-nothing new to report
 - c. Treasurer's report-Erika E. reported a balance of \$2,860.40.
- 6) Old Business
 - a. Teacher conference meals went well however we would like to look into other 'cheaper' ideas for next year.
 - i. Teachers loved the soup and sandwich night however the other meal (taco salad casserole) was not exactly favored by the teachers.
 - ii. Ideas for next year include finding a new caterer for one or both of the meals or cater the meals ourselves.
 - b. 'Miner Moment' gift cards were bought by Anne and brought to the school to be used for prizes for the high schoolers.
 - i. 30 Cenex \$5 gift cards purchased locally and will be used for JR/HS students who receive a 'Miner Moment'.
 - ii. Mrs. Wood does have prizes for the elementary school, so we do not need to purchase anything for the elementary school at this time.
 - c. Spooktacular Stem Night was a huge success!
 - i. 125 people participated.
 - ii. We served approx. 35 hot dog meals profiting around \$100 after expenses.

- iii. Huge thanks to all who brought goodies for the bake sale. \$326 was made from the bake sale.
- iv. We hope to host another Stem night February 5th.
 - 1. Ideas for another stem night in February: serve a meal, bake sale, bingo for books, and a book swap.
- d. The PTO carnival had a great community turnout.
 - i. Free will supper of taco in a bag or hot dog and chips profited \$808.
 - ii. Admission was \$5. \$1095 was collected.
 - iii. Concessions earned \$239.
 - iv. Expenses have not yet been deducted.
 - v. Autumn B. motioned to donate \$500 to the school physical education program. Janet B. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Huge thank you to all the PTO volunteers who helped and/or donated.

7) New Business

- a. World Kindness Day/Week is November 13-17.
 - i. See below for the schedule of events.
 - ii. Buffalo Rings & Wings Stampede out Bullying campaign donated t-shirts and gift certificates for wings for the high school students.
 - iii. Kindness chain strips were cut during the meeting for the kindness chain project.
 - iv. Huge thanks to Natasha S. for taking the lead for World Kindness week.
- b. Teacher Christmas Wish Tree-Jen G. sent out the paper ornaments to all the teachers. Teachers will return ornaments with items they need for their classroom written on each ornament.
 - i. Jen G. will set up the tree after Thanksgiving. The tree will be decorated with all the ornaments of the teacher 'wishes'.
- c. Music program Bake Sales:
 - i. Dec 4 is the JH/HS band and choir concert.
 - ii. Dec 12 is the elementary music concert.
 - iii. Natasha S. motioned to hold a bake sale during each concert. All proceeds will go to the music department. Erika E. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. A sign-up genius will be created to help organize both bake sales. We will need volunteers to bake, sell, and set up.
- d. Teacher gifts for Christmas
 - i. After a lengthy discussion and analysis of the available funds in the checking account it was decided we cannot afford gift cards to all the teachers this year for Christmas.
 - 1. Jan H. motioned to purchase Cavern Coffee shop tokens for coffee for all teachers and paras instead. Autumn B. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Festival of lights will be December 16th at the Wilton pond.
 - i. Autumn B. will make reindeer food packets again this year for all the kids.
 - ii. Looking for volunteers to assist at the festival setting up a table and handing out the bags of reindeer food. We will need a banner or sign advertising PTO also. Will discuss further at next meeting.
- f. Fundraising will be a must this spring. Funds in the PTO account are low due to many donations at the beginning of the school year.
 - i. Ideas include hosting concessions at basketball games or having a cupcake walk.
 - ii. Further discussion will be needed.




8) Next meeting:

- a. December 13th – 7pm at President Anne's house.

9) Meeting adjourned by President Anne Earsley.

The Great Kindness/ Anti Bullying Week

November 13th- 17th 2023

Monday Pajama Day	Tuesday Tie Dye Day	Wednesday Western Day	Thursday Superhero Day
<p>Dream of Kindness, lets Wake up and be kind</p> <p>Students should be comfortable and wear Pajamas and slippers</p> 	<p>PEACE, LOVE, AND KINDNESS</p> <p>Students should dress up in tie dye/hippie to share peace and kindness with others.</p> 	<p>Round-up your Kindness</p> <p>Students should wear Western Gear or Boots to stomp out Bullying</p> 	<p>H.E.R.O HELP. EVERYONE. RESPECT. OTHERS</p> <p>Its super to accept our Differences</p> <p>Students should dress as their favorite super hero/ clothing with Super Hero on it</p> 