



TCWES PTO – MEETING MINUTES

Board Only

October 05, 2023 | 6:32 PM – 7:27 PM | In Person

In attendance were Beth Feliciano-Rivera, Kelsey Fisher, Amelia Hunter, Dr. Buchheit and Mrs. Yuditsky. Kate Case and Sandra Oviedo attended via phone.

Motion to start meeting at 6:32 pm by Kelsey Fisher, seconded by Kate Case, all in favor.

PTO Updates

I. Introductions

- i. Amelia Hunter was introduced as the new Board Director

II. Minutes from prior were reviewed and approved

III. September Updates

- i. **Spirit Wear** – orders will ship on Oct 12th, but socks will go out week after. PTO will sort items and then give them out to the kids to take home. If orders were shipped to your home they will also be arriving soon.
- ii. **Chipotle** – we raised \$588.67. Even more than last year

IV. October Updates

- i. **Chuck E. Cheese** – will be Oct 20th. The mascot (Cheese) will be at the school that day during dismissal. Hours will be 3pm – 9pm. Teachers will get discount
- ii. **Read-a-thon** – Starts Oct 16th. Flyers with info goes home with kids. Will have a QR code for each class. Parents can start setting up online accounts, fundraise and keep track online. You can donate for amount read, or flat amount. Will run for 2 weeks so goes until Oct 31st. Will have prizes for the top class with most raised and most read. There will be fun prizes and awards.
- iii. **Author Assembly** – Oct 20th. Will read to kids and have books to sign
- iv. **Bingo** – Oct 27th. Will be Halloween/costume themed. Parents can pre-order pizza and bingo daubers. Doors open at 5:30pm and playing starts at 6:00pm. We'll have a table for pre-orders to pick up and another for day-of orders. Teachers will be calling numbers as well as Dr. Buchheit and Mrs. Yuditsky. There will be a costume parade for kids and parents. We'll have prizes. Flyers going home this week with info.

V. Membership

- i. We are at 167 members. Will continue to promote

VI. Fall SEP Classes

- i. Registration has kicked off for all students. So far, we have 143 registrations and have raised \$10,928. Teacher pay was also increased to \$420 for each class.

VII. Budget

- i. Reviewed the budget and how money was reallocated from teacher grants to Principal's budget in order to prevent losing a teacher. So far have given to the school \$28,000 for educational and school needs and will continue to fundraise for other items such as field trips and school assemblies. However, giving more money will be dependent on the final school budget and confirmation we will not lose a teacher.
 1. Parent question on budget line item. It is what we have allocated for the author coming this month for a school assembly.
 2. Parent question on what PTO does for field trips. We help with funding bus transportation, entry fees, etc. County wants field trips to be less costly so PTO would supplement as needed. Dr. B clarified that the County has pulled back from requiring all trips to be free, but the school will continue to balance the cost of trips and how much each would cost.
- ii. **Hospitality for Teacher Appreciation**
 1. Oct 23rd – Candy apple bar
 2. Nov – Soup and sandwich lunch
 3. Dec – cookie bar. Will be asking parents to volunteer by making/buying cookies and treats
- iii. Budget was approved. Motion by Mrs. Cotter, seconded by Isabel

VIII. Parent Time

- i. Question on PTO responsibilities and activities. Explained that the board does coordinate a lot of activities/projects however we rely on volunteers for help and donations if needed. We will send out sign up genius when we need volunteers or items (ie: Bingo, Penguin Patch)
- ii. Parents asked if for Spirit Nights we could have more of a community/hang out setup. Explained that for some of the events it is more pick up and go, but others like Coldstone the teachers come, kids hang out and it has more of a community feel. Chuck E. Cheese will also have more of a fun/hang out feeling.

IX. Principal's Update

- i. If the PTO needs to send any flyers/announcements out via email we can send to him and he'll blast out via Timberwolf Times, or as its own email.
- ii. Space week is ending this week. Mr. Dove did a great job driving it and getting the kids engaged. Space posters are up all over the school
- iii. Book Fair starts Oct 16th. Students will be able to buy during school hours and during family night.
- iv. Literacy Night – Oct 16th and will be carnival themed, and have fun games
- v. Oct 19th – Advisory Council Meeting. Made up of staff, teachers and parents working together to decide on focus and direction of the school
- vi. Oct 27th – Walking field trip to Patriot High School

vii. Budget – handed in on Sept 30th. As of that date had a total of 774 students (775 general population and 19 self-contained). However, school was budgeted 774 general population students, so we are 19 students short. Awaiting final budget back from the County to see what impact that will have on the school budget and staffing. If after reviewing the final budget the PTO money will not be able to prevent over staffing, then will not accept the money and school will do what it can. Remaining hopeful.

X. Next Meeting

i. November 30, 2023 – 6:30 pm

XI. Adjournment – 7:27 PM