



PTO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 11th 2018 3:30 ARS Library

Call to Order; By President Theresa Meshes @ 3:30pm

Roll Call; By Secretary Sara Erdmann

In Attendance: Theresa Meshes, Heather Castaing, Michael Campbell, Sara Erdmann, Heather Khan, Samantha Wheeler, Karli Kuscharadt, Kim Scherzer

Business

1. Correspondence; Sara Erdmann
 - Thank you cards were read from the staff of District 3 thanking the PTO for the start up funds.
2. Treasurer Report; Michael Campbell
 - The current bank balance is \$6,800.00 as of 8/31/2018. This month's income came from after school programming, Amazon smile, Local merchant and Schwann's. Grants for the MS WeVideo and MS Physical Education Pinnies (mesh vests) were fulfilled this month.
3. Administration Reports; Dr. Mahaffy; Dr. Ozimek; Mrs. McKenzie
 - ARS NEWS: reporting Dr. Ozimek
 - Fall MAP & Spring PARCC scores will come home on Friday September 14th. First Quarter midterms will be mailed home on September 28th.
 - MS NEWS: reporting Mrs. McKenzie
 - First quarter midterms will be online September 28th. Fall MAP & Spring PARCC scores will come home Friday September 14th. Thank you to all parents who attended back to school night, thank you for being flexible with the fire alarm that went off! Training for WeVideo will start September 12th for teachers. This video editing app was purchased by the PTO.
 - District 3 NEWS: reporting Dr. Mahaffy
 - District 3 is now a stand alone district for our district wide special education services so all of our funding now comes directly to our district. Mrs. Trom is the state approved director for our district. We will still work closely with our neighboring school districts and have a very strong relationship with our region 4 school. School year is off to a great start. Enrollment is at around 390 students at

both buildings. Next school board meeting is at the FRG MS library on Monday September 24th at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome.

4. Liaison Updates; ARS Miss Scherzer and Miss Kurschardt; MS Mrs. Carr

Kim Scherzer & Karli Kurschardt:

- Teachers were all very grateful for the start up funds for the new year.

Mrs. Carr:

- Thank you very much to the PTO for the start up funds, the teachers and staff were all very grateful.
- The BETA club is collecting pull tabs this year. Place them in a plastic bag and give them to Mrs.Smialek in the ARS office or Mrs.Rose in the MS office.
- On October 12th the 8th graders are visiting Woodstock Hospital for a field trip to learn about health related fields.
- On November 16th, the 7th graders will be visiting the Holocaust Museum in Skokie which ties into our literary unit and Social Studies WWII unit.
- \$5 per student for field trips is given from the PTO to help offset the cost to parents.

Action Items

1. Teacher Start up Funds. The teachers & staff were very grateful for the start up funds.
2. Grant Request MS Technology. This grant was completed & teachers will get training on the new WeVideo on September 12th.

Event Reports

1. Locker Check-in/Meet and Greet with the Principal
 - Both events at the MS went very smoothly. Snacks were provided by the Sweets & Treats committee. Drinks provided by the PTO. Looking forward to more meet & greets with Mrs. McKenzie this year.
2. Supply Drop Off:
 - This went very smoothly and created for a great first day transition for the students & teachers. Miss Scherzer was happy to share that she had no tears on the first day from her kindergarteners!
3. Back to School Night:
 - Nice turn out at both schools. Positive feedback was received from teachers and parents.
4. School Tool Box Supply Kits
 - 87 boxes were sold at ARS & 61 were sold at the MS.

Ongoing Committee Reports

- 5th Grade Activity
 - No update

- After School Programming
 - Many afterschool programs are taking place at ARS. Mondays Let's Build it Robotics, Tuesdays Stage Star Acting, Wednesdays Art with Smiling Shamrocks, Thursdays Spanish. Fliers for all afterschool programs are available on frgpto.org
- ARS Yearbook
 - No update
- Box Tops
 - First collection will be Friday October 5th, 2018. A baggie was sent home to students. Make sure to add your child's teacher so their classroom gets credit! A sweet treats or pizza party will be awarded to the class with the most box tops!
- Directory
 - Total sales thus far \$799. Directories will be available to purchase in both school's offices throughout the school year. 1 for \$8 and 2 for \$15
- Family Night: September- Math/Games
 - Friday September 21st in the ARS gym, families are welcome to partake in math games, crafts and snacks. Hope to see you then!
- Family Night: October Movie
 - Still working on finalizing this family event. More details to follow.
- Family Night: November Game Night
 - Still working on finalizing this family event. More details to follow.
- Local Merchant
 - No updates
- Lottery
 - Lottery has begun! Tickets have been sent home with students. All tickets & money is due back by Friday October 12th, 2018.
- Spirit Wear
 - Please check the frgpto.org website for the new FRG Eagles spiritwear! Local pick up or backpack mail for delivery options!
- Schwan's
 - Current campaign running using code 40910 at check out.
 - Last campaign was \$107.00
- Strokes of Genius
 - Volunteer sign up will go out to parents soon. This is a kindergarten through 2nd grade activity that takes place once a month for roughly 20 minutes in the classroom. Contact Julie Bentle at Julie_bentle@yahoo.com or Rachel Young at ryoung1201@yahoo.com for more information on Strokes of Genius.
- Team Trivia
 - Team Trivia night will take place on Saturday November 10th at the Garlands in Barrington. Please see the Fox River Grove PTO Trivia Night Facebook page for more details!

Board Comments

Several committees are still looking for volunteers, please check out frgpto.org for the sign up genius link!

Open Comments

District is looking into a new website for the district so be on the lookout for the new and improved webpage!

Announcements

1. Next PTO meeting October 2nd 3:30 ARS Library
2. Still need help on several committees
3. Meeting Adjourned @ 4:29 P.M.