PTO Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2020

Attendees: Julie Kent, Leah Vickers, Ellen Cox, Christina Randall, Erica McRae, Renee Gilman, Kim Perry, Rachel Rizzi, Kayley Talbert, Maren Schreiber, Lynette Williams, Kim Perry, Kristin Sullivan, Beth Aubrey, Martha Camacho, Cory Hogans, William Hill, Bevin Sekora, Katie McGonnell.

Event Recap:

1. Little Shops at Little River was amazing. Lots of good comments from the vendors. Made about $2533!
2. Go Play Save – closed out right before break so we don’t have a final accounting yet on the proceeds. Sold about 200 books. Still had 29 books outstanding, but we started with 70 books outstanding so lots of books came back. Looking for help with this fundraiser next year.
3. Adoptee gift bags – made gift bags for the staff and teachers who don’t have homerooms so that they would get holiday gifts instead of doing adoptees through the classrooms (because sometimes they wouldn’t get recognized). Canvas tote bags, parents donated items for the gift bags (gift cards, cookies, socks, snacks, drinks).

Committee Updates:

1. Family nights – Pomodoro $300, Chipotle $234, Italian Pizzeria TBD, Picnic $428.
	1. Next ones are 1/20 at Pomodoro, Tues 2/18 Hog Heaven, Mon 3/16 Italian Pizzeria, Chipotle Family night on Mon 3/30 from 5-9 Need to bring a flyer, Mon 4/20 Pomodoro all day, Thurs 5/21 Picnic.
	2. Considering Kickback Jack’s, Zaxby’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Freddy’s, another Hog Heaven.
2. Talent Show – Friday Jan 31st. Waiting for flyers to come in. 5th grade teacher team looking to help with talent show.
3. Hospitality – trying to put something together for Valentine’s Day. Coffee bar before the holidays was much appreciated.
4. Spring Carnival – Saturday May 2nd. Looking at changing the time from 10-2 to 12-4 to accommodate families involved in spring sports. Need tons of volunteers.
5. Financial report – revenue budgeted was $18,920. So far, have $12,022. Thoughts for going forward:
	1. Family nights should be another $1300-$1400.
	2. Little Shops/Quarter Auction – projected $5K, brought in $3311.
	3. Box tops/Loyalty cards – budgeted $1300, brought in $459.
	4. Book fair – budgeted $4000, so far $2259.
	5. Spring Carnival – expecting about $2000 with adding raffle baskets (Erica to head up the raffle basket part of things, with help from Julie).
	6. Need about $1500 to $2000 more. Ideas for fundraising: another quarter auction? Dance? Concessions at dance? Bingo night (sell concessions)? Concessions from Science Night brought in about $300. Little Shops food sale profit - $445.91.
		1. Sell chance to play a single game as part of a dance and who wins the game gets the Disney Park Hopper passes?
		2. If you have other ideas on a fundraiser we can do, let us know!
		3. Got info on fundraising with the Durham Bulls. Need 4 volunteers for 10 games. Earn minimum of $1800. But if don’t have all the volunteers, get charged $100 per game. Not sure if we would have enough interest for this fundraiser.

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Dates:

1. Crayons to Calculators: Tuesdays January 28th, March 3rd, April 7th. Meet about 12:30 and finishes up around 3pm. But you don’t have to stay the whole time – any time is helpful – and you don’t have to be an approved DPS volunteer. Looking into getting teachers to watch school-age children for parents who are shopping.
2. Proctors needed: 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/13, 1/14, 1/15, 1/16. Easy job – just need to show up. In the classroom while the teacher is administering a test. Can’t talk to the kids. Sign Up Genius. Or contact Amanda.bruce@dpsnc.net.
3. Talent show and Spring Carnival
4. Consider elections for 2020-2021 PTO Board and committee needs for next year. If there’s something you are interested in doing, let us know and we can hook you up with people who have done it in the past, and tell you more about the position.
	1. Need a chair for Spring Carnival for next year – if you are interested, let us know because you can shadow Beth this year to get your bearings.
5. Duke Surplus – free office supplies leftover from Duke. If anyone is interested in going every once in a while to take a look, let Julie know. It’s weekdays from 2-3pm, day of the week varies.

From Dr. Hogans – thank you to parents for supporting the children and the school. We really appreciate the family community and support that we receive from you all.

Future PTO meetings are on the 1st Mondays of each month: February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st. Please come and join us!

If you would like to get more involved or think you can help with one of our committees, please reach out to us at littleriverPTO@hotmail.com or talk to any of our board members or committee chairs!