**PTO Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 7, 2019

Attending: Julie Kent, Leah Vickers, Bevin Sekora, Erica McRae, Cory Hogans, Andy Crutchfield, Christina Randall, Renee Gilman, Kayley Talbert, Maren Schriber, Emily Escano, Earnesta Curtis, Melanie Cheatham, Martha Camado, Lynette Williams, Erica Johnson, Quivetta Lennon, Zulayka Santiago, Emi Sanilands, Chanel Mangum, Raeann Spreitzer, Cassie Lewis, Kristin Sullivan, Beth Aubrey, William Hill, Mary Ross, Ellen Cox, Michael Todd, Easley Shack, Cassie Lewis, Kim Perry, and Tim Perry

1. **Introductions**
2. **Reviewed Science Night:** Over 400 people attended. The Disney Family Volunteering Rewards Program offers 1 day Park Hopper vouchers based on numbers of volunteers participating. We had 96 volunteers which should make us eligible for 20 vouchers. About $700 was made through the Silent Auction. About $275 was brought in from food sales. These funds will help support elementary and middle school Science Olympiad teams.
3. **Quarter Auction:** This Saturday, October 12, 2019. The event was described by Kristin Sullivan. Hog Heaven is catering BBQ sliders and hushpuppies. We do need to pay ahead of time for catering this year. $5 provides a paddle and Hog Heaven snack. Attendees are encouraged to bring 2 rolls of quarters. Volunteers are welcome to help set-up Friday night at 6:00 or any time after 8:00am on Saturday. Doors open at 10:00. The Auction will start at 10:45 or 11:00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle (described by Renee Gilman). Mr. C was asked to MC.
4. **Grade Parents:** Every class has a representative. Emails were sent out to teachers to contact Erica if they had not heard from their grade parents at this point. A survey was sent out for meeting time preferences for the official grade parent meeting. There will be a meeting this Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 at Dogwood Bar and Grill. Another meeting will be held after school next Thursday, October 17, at 2:30 in the library.
5. **Family Nights**: We made about $300 from Pomodoro. October 21 we will dine out at Chipotle. Families need to show flyers or mention that they are with Little River to go towards the 33% of sales we can receive. Online orders won’t go towards Little River.

We also discussed future events at Kickback Jacks, Tripps, and BW3’s Home Team Advantage deal.

1. **Little Shops Holiday Market**: This event will take place on Saturday, December 7th, 10:00am-2:00pm. We’re hoping to have 40 to 50 vendors at the event. There are about 20 paid vendors so far. We will need volunteers to make signs and help vendors. We will recruit middle school students to help volunteer at this event as well. Volunteers will be reminded to be personable to vendors. We will also contact Mrs. Bailey-Smith about Art Club volunteers.
2. **Shopper Loyalty/Box Tops**: We’ve gotten over $300 from Harris Teeter so far. Paper Boxtops will be collected and submitted before November 1.
3. **Hospitality:** Adopted staff will not be assigned to classroom teachers. They will be acknowledged through the hospitality committee with help from the grade parent committee and PTO board. Groups will be acknowledged about twice a year, maybe around Christmas/winter holidays, and again around widely recognized times for each group. For example: Administrative Professionals Week is April 19-25

Acknowledgments/Cards: Cards were passed around to be signed. One thank you card to Home Depot for six safety vests donated to staff, one to Stefanie Riley’s boss for donating items for the nacho bar for teachers, and one to Mr. Stroud, congratulating him on the birth of his baby boy.

Hospitality will provide snacks for teachers for Teach or Treat since many of them will be at school all day. They will send out a Sign-up Genius for snack items and bags of candy for the event. Links will go on the PTO website and October newsletter.

1. **Talent Show:** The date for this event will be Friday, January 31. January 24 will be a rehearsal day.
2. **Spring Carnival:** This will be the last big event of the year. It will be held May 2nd, time to be announced later, but likely later than previous years. There will be be more specific planning for this after winter break.
3. **Go Play Save:** Books will go out Tuesday, November 12 and be due November 22nd, before Thanksgiving. Books will cost $25. Books that are not returned, or returned damaged, will cost the school $12.50 each. After Thanksgiving, purchased books will be distributed. We will have some books available at the vendor sale in December as well.
4. **Book Fair:** A Sign-up Genius was sent out. We need more volunteers for the Teach or Teach event. We will not have buckets for grade level acknowledgements this year. Scholastic has an “All for Books” program which focuses on children who can’t afford to purchase books at the book fair which we are considering taking part in. If we set a goal for donations and the goal is met, Ms. Bruce will dye her hair whatever color the children choose, by vote.  Scholastic matches donated funds to benefit worldwide programs. Mr. Crutchfield has agreed to dress as The Elf on a Shelf for a day if we meet our book fair sales goal of $5500.
5. **Penny Wars**: The Penny War will last from November 4-22. We will provide water jugs for each grade level. Grade levels can decorate them for the competition. Pennies and paper money go towards winning. Silver change negates pennies and paper money earned. The winning grade level will submit two Mascot name choices that administration will choose from to name our school mascot. Also, Mr. Crutchfield will pretend to be a student in that grade for an entire day. Other school report earning between $800-$2000 for penny wars. After purchasing our mascot costume, we can put the rest of the money in reserves if we have enough.
6. **Movie License**: a Swank movie license costs about $550-$600 for 1 year for the PTO and School. This does not cover showing movies outdoors. DPS is in talks to cover a license for the district. We’ll see what happens with that before purchasing one of our own.
7. **Fun Run**: We would like to create an interest committee to research the possibility of doing this next year as a fundraiser. Committee members can research various companies and plans offered, keeping in mind we want to limit the amount of assemblies. We can also look into the possibility of running it ourselves and what that would require.
8. **Crayons to Calculators**: This program offers free school supplies to DPS teachers during certain days during the year. Each teacher gets 50 points ($50) towards supplies. In the past, getting to the facility in time to take advantage of the free supplies has been a challenge. DPS is creating a committee of PTO Leaders to help recruit volunteers to basically be personal shoppers for teachers that submit wishlists. This PTO will offer this service once each quarter. We will identify dates at our next PTO meeting.
9. **Little River Counselor Connections**: The counselors would like to share their Remind account with parents. It will link them into community events. They would like to get information about the app out through the PTO.
10. Our next meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00pm.