**Little River K-8 PTO Meeting**

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

**Attendees:** Julie Kent, Elizabeth Evans, Martha Camacho, Paige Akin, Anna Victoria Martinez, Maren Schreiber, Easley Schack, Lynette Williams, Seronda Robinson, Angelique Jeter, Kayley Talbert, Marcella Harris, Lesley Watson, Christina Randall, Cory Hogans, Jennifer Barton

1. **Welcome and Introductions:**

* Names, child’s grade, PTO/Committee member, what you’re looking forward to for the holiday.

1. **Committee Updates**
2. **Hospitality:**

* November baked potato bar for teachers went well. Potatoes were donated by Gocciolina. Thank you to all volunteers who assisted.
* For December, will do Gift Grab with gift cards. Will reach out to parents to donate $10 - $20 gift cards. Can also send cash or check, and we will pick up cards. Will need 85 cards for teachers and staff.
* Gift grab may need to take place the week before winter break to allow enough time to collect cards.
* Lunch from Zaxby’s on 12/15. Need volunteers.

1. **Paper Drive:**

* 505,300 sheets of paper!
* First place class gets pizza party (Miss Mac). Five other classes will receive Pop-Its.

1. **Dine Out Nights:**

* New Dine Out Co-Chairs: Paige Akin and Erica McRae
* Zaxby’s:
  + 9/19/22: $445.28
  + 10/6/22: $419.42
  + 11/21/22: $308.79
* Hog Heaven:
  + 11/1/22: $200
* Upcoming:
  + 12/6/22: Alpaca 5-8 PM (proceeds only for sales that we bring in)
  + 12/13/22: Zaxby’s 5-8 PM
  + 1/10/23: Hog Heaven 4-8 PM
  + 2/13/23 - 2/16/23: Elmo’s Spirit “Murdsay” Mon-Thur, 4% off all in-house dining sales

1. **Little Shops:**

* Will take place on 12/10/22 at 1:00pm – 5:00pm
* 52 vendors have registered
* Fundraising goal is $1,000. Already at $1,780 just with vendor registration!
* Volunteers needed on Friday to help set up tables and on Saturday for vendor set up at 11:00 – 1:00, raffle set up (all vendors are donating a raffle item), food table, assisting vendors, mascot help, and clean up.
* Raffle will be at 4:30 and we will be sure to get prizes to anyone who is not present during the raffle. Tickets will range from $1 to $20.
* Zaxby’s chicken sandwiches will be sold as meal with chips and drink or individually. Will order 200 – 250 sandwiches at $3 each.
* Signup Genius will be sent out for food donations.
* Profits will be split with Chorus.
* Would like to offer hot cocoa or apple cider.
* Need help with making indoor signs.
* Will set up to accept cards for those who do not have cash on hand.

1. **Spirit Wear:**

* Socks have arrived and are available for those who have already ordered.
* Socks will be sold at vendor show for $10 each.
* T-Shirts and hoodies sold through Big Frog.

1. **Penny Wars:**

* Will take place in January 2023. More on this at a later date.

1. **Crayons2Calculators:**

* Shopping day is 12/6 at 11:30am – 1:00pm.

1. **Donor’s Choose:**

* Funded projects for two teachers.

1. **Comedy Worx:**

* Comedy show will be paired with Spring Book Fair during week of 4/14/2023 – 4/21/23, preferably on Thursday.

1. **Upcoming Volunteer Needs:**

* Volunteers needed for Vendor Show, Crayons2Calculators, and Communications.
* Committee interest for 2023-2024 school year: GoPlaySave (1-2 volunteers), Silent Auction (2-3 volunteers, Little Shops at Little River (1-2) volunteers.
* Nominations for PTO Board for 2023-2024 opening up in January 2023.

1. **Financial Updates:**

* YTD Expenses: $4,761.64
* YTD Revenue: $12,261.86
* Amazon increased; Family Night has increased, but need to pick up checks to deposit; Silent Auction not finalized and will increase Spirit Wear will increase, but have not transferred funds from Cheddar Up and Big Frog order has not come in yet; Vendor show will increase, but still awaiting checks to be deposited.

1. **Spring Carnival:** Will discuss at later date.
2. **New Business:** None
3. **Discussion with Dr. Hogans:**

* Any new information about rezoning?
  + No additional information. Best way to get information is to sign up for Regional Work Groups. Northern Work Group pertains to our area.
* Will middle grades program close at Little River?
  + Do not have that information yet, but expect to receive updates prior to the Choice application process starting, which will be in January 9, 2023. The current plan is that middle grades will be phased out.
* Will Montessori schools serve children with disabilities?
  + Yes
* Will teachers have to go through additional training for Montessori program and will that cause staffing issues?
  + Yes, teachers will have to complete 18 months of training. Staffing is always a concern and will continue to be a concern during this transition.
* Will I have to complete a choice application for my child to continue at Little River when it becomes a Montessori school and is there sibling preference?
  + The district has indicated that legacy students will be able to continue to matriculate through Little River.
  + At this time, sibling preference may not apply.
* When will parents know if our child who is will be in middle school for 2023/2024 year be impacted?
  + Do not have answer to that. The macro decision on the middle school has been made, but the micro details are still being worked out.
  + Questions can be directed to the school system: Dr. Deborah Pittman and Melanie Marshall for more information.
* When will new districts be assigned?
  + 2024/2025

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by Julie Kent.

Minutes prepared by Lesley Watson