**Little River K-8 School**

**March PTO Meeting**

**Monday, March 6, 2023**

**6:00pm**

Attendees: Julie Kent, Cory Hogans, Cassie Lewis, Christine Randall, Martha Camacho, Erica McRae, Paige Akin, Kayley Talbert, Lesley Watson, Seronda Robinson, Angelique Jeter, Erin Repp, Maren Schreiber, Easley Schack, Jennifer Barton (Zoom), Quivetta Lennon (Zoom).

1. Welcome – Introduction: Something fun or exciting that has happened to you.
2. Committee and Event Updates:
3. Hospitality
* Handmade pins were made with candy for teachers and staff.
* March 23rd or 24th will do traveling snack cart to go around and pass out to teachers in classroom. May need some help with this activity.
* Wish list is still up for coffee.
* Teacher Appreciation week will be Wizard of Oz theme. Will help kids make yellow brick road with messages about what is special about their teachers. Can do a special one for middle grade teachers from students who has already graduated.
1. Flower Power
* Really great fundraiser. Have only raised $48 so far of $1000 goal.
* Nicole has offered to organize with anyone who wants to purchase flowers for school and plant at school.
1. Dine Out Nights
* Elmo’s 2/13 -16th raised $855.40!
* Perhaps have Ms. Nicholson help with making signs to post at Elmo’s next year. Try to plan for a week with an early release since Elmo closes at 3:00pm.
* April 11th and July 11th  - Skrimp Shack.
* Palace Point in Roxboro: Can possibly do movie or skate night. Can discount if done as field trip. Perhaps a movie night in June and skate night in August or vice versa.
1. Little River Spirit Wear
* Still have lots of socks
1. Penny Wars
* Winning grade will get Pop Its.
* If meet $750 goal, kids can duct tape Mr. C to the wall.
* Will have Sign Up Genius for volunteers to count funds. Tuesday morning and Thursday morning, money will be counted. Will also count last day, 3/20 at 7:30am for about an hour. Need volunteers to help with counting money on these days.
1. Crayons2Calculators
* Need volunteer shoppers to pick up school supplies on 3/14 and 5/2 at 11:30 – 1:00.
1. Science Night – Thursday, March 16th 5:00 – 8:00
* EPA, Duke Genetics, Duke Physics, Duke Chemistry, and more
* Need approximately 30 volunteers to help with some of the experiments. Does not require science experience.
* Mobile Dairy Classroom on Tuesday 3/14 during school day to talk to kids about dairy farming. 30 min for K-2, 3-5, and Middle grades each.
1. Comedy Worx: Thursday 4/20.
* Will have two shows.
* Need volunteers to help during the event and work the book fair. Sign up will go out in late March.
1. Book Fair: April 14th – 21st
* Need volunteers to help set up book fair on 4/13 at 2:30 for about 2 hours and for duration of book fair. Sign-up sheet is being passed around.
1. Grand Friends Tea: Possibly 4/17 or 4/18 at 2:30 – 4:00
* Lynette will organize this, but will need some help.
* Open to any student who wants to bring a grand.
1. Volunteers Needed
2. All PTO positions are open for nominations: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Financial Secretary
3. Committee Interest to continue into 2023-2024 school year:
* GoPlaySave 1-2 volunteers
* Silent Auction: 2-3 volunteers
* Little Shops at LR 1-2 volunteers
* Science Night: 1-2 volunteers
1. Financial Update
2. Overall collected over $16,000 so far this year. Expenditures $6,620.64
* Family night has gone up by $600.
* Have done more reimbursements to teachers up to $3,777.43. Email has gone out to all teachers to let them know they have classroom funds.
1. New Business: Possible Glow Dance: Will discuss at May meeting.
2. Q&A with Dr. Hogans:
* Progress reports went out last week.
* Spring break coming up 3/27/2023 – 3/31/2023
* Would like to get the word out about PTO Board and participation for next year.
* Roof work has begun and plan to be completed right at the start of spring break.
* Will 5th graders still be going to visit Carrington?
	+ Ms. Bruce assists with facilitating registration with Carrington and Lucas.
	+ Ms. Steinberger sent email on 2/9 with form to complete for interest in visiting Carrington. Have not had update since then, so may not be happening.
* How are teachers doing with changes and is there any ways in which we can support them?
	+ Believe temperature has cooled since January school board meeting. Superintendent came out to talk to teachers.
	+ Middle school teachers may be having biggest struggle.
	+ Do what PTO has always done to support teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by Lesley Watson