**Little River K-8 School**

**March PTO Meeting**

**Monday, May 1, 2023**

**6:00pm**

Attendees: Cory Hogans, Julie Kent, Maren Schreiber, Easley Schack, Kayley Talbert, Lesley Watson, Seronda Robinson, Lynette Williams, Marcella Harris, Christina Randall, Martha Camacho, Erin Repp

1. **Committee Updates**
2. Flower Power: $293. Open until May 15. Will repost a reminder.
3. Dine Out:

* Pomodoro 5/9/2023.
* June and August, will try to do Palace Point.
* Request sent for Elmo’s for next year.

1. Penny Wars:

* 5th grade won and got to Duct tape Mr. C to the wall!
* Kids guessed how many of each coin there was and closest class gets pizza party. Third grade won.

1. Grand Friends Tea

* Went well. Nice set up and good turnout.

1. Book Fair

* Sold $7,628; raised $1,907 for school
* Bonus: $762 in scholastic dollars; Ms. Kusz was able to get some more bean bag chairs.
* Another book fair scheduled for August.
* Suggested to have other evening events during book fair.
* Thank you to everyone who volunteered for book fair.

1. Comedy Worx:

* Kids enjoyed.
* Brought in $2,000 in book fair sales during Comedy Worx.
* $1,000 cost for this event was covered by funds raised with Penny Wars.
* Will contribute to Teach Appreciation.

1. Beautification funds:

* Two new flags in front of school.

1. Crayons 2 Calculators:

* One shopping date left 5/2/2023 – Have two volunteers to do the shopping

1. Glow Dance:

* Propose to do Glow Dance on 5/19 5:30 – 7:00.
* Glow lights, bracelets, have some items for sale, balloons if okay.
* Rotate PreK – 2 for first 45 minutes; remaining grades for last 45 minutes.
* Suggestion, do Glow Dance during book fair next year.

1. **2023-2024 PTO Board Elections**

* Nominees:

President: Maren Schreiber

VP: Christina Randall

Treasurer: Mansi Gowin

Co-Financial Secretaries: Angelique Jeter and Easley Schack

Co-Secretaries: Marcella Harris and Lesley Watson

Motion to elect nominees for 2023-2024 School year (Julie Kent)

Motion seconded (Easley Schack)

Motion passed for new PTO board

1. **Volunteers Needed**

**Committee interest to continue into 2023-2024 school year:**

* GoPlaySave 1-2 volunteers
* Silent Auction: 2-3 volunteers
* Little Shops: 1-2 volunteers
* Science Night: 1-2 volunteers. Julie will run Science Night.

**Upcoming Events**

* Financial audit 3-4 volunteers needed (incoming and outgoing financial secretaries cannot do audit, but can be present to answer questions)
* Budget meeting: late summer, suggestions for increasing participation, would like teachers to attend to let us know if there are things they would like to include in the budget.
* Teacher Appreciation Week: 5/8 – 5/12, 2023 Wizard of Oz theme
  + Monday: Coffee Bar, Rainbow fruit bar (Need 1-2 volunteers)
  + Tuesday: Coffee bar, pastires/breakfast goodies
  + Wednesday: Lunch (3-4 volunteers to set up in morning and help serve, 1-2 volunteers to get food from Sam’s). Pick up from Sam’s at 10:00, serve at 10:30. Should be done by 11:30.
  + Thursday: Gift bags! Stations set up with gift bag goodies (2 volunteers at 7:45am to pass out bags/check off list)
  + Friday: Multiple grades on field trip. Coffee bar, Skittles/lollipop treats (1-2 volunteers to assemble treats and set out on Friday morning)
  + Will post on FaceBook to ask for volunteers and make suggestions on what to give teachers during Teacher Appreciation week.
  + Need volunteers to help put gift bags together.
  + Gift cards: Do a raffle with online randomizer. Give out 8 per day to winners. Will do $10 gift cards with funds that were donated online.

**Prep Work Needed for Teacher Appreciation Week**

* Canvas bags, chapstick holders: Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, next Monday evening – weeding vinyl, heat pressing designs.
* Gift Cards: Volunteer to purchase remaining gift cards with donated funds and put in envelope.
* Signs: Creating signs for each items/day’s events/etc.
* Assembling candy packets for Friday
* Photo props for backdrop: Need Wizard of Oz related items for back drop to take pictures: Black witch hats, Toto, ruby slippers, old brooms, etc.
* Sunday: 3-4 volunteers needed to decorate green room/supply room, put up “yellow brick road”, set up photo backdrop, chalk o front walk – put out FB notice.
* Suggestions for TAW: Make a card, give or draw picture of flowers, bring a favorite snack, other suggestions?
* Maren will send out items to room parents to send to parents and post on FB for students to use. Ask students to think about support staff to do something nice for.
* Julie designed Wizard of Oz themed magnets to go into gift bags.
* Teachers can take bricks from the road.

1. Financial updates:

* Revenues: Have met expected revenue.
* Met or exceeded goals for Box Tops, Family Nights, GoPlaySave, Penny Wars.
* Expenses: PTO supplies and Programs, $1000 for Comedy Worx, Beautification spent about $45 for flags, hospitality actually has funds left.
* Water damage from roof collapse in excess of $1,835.89. Should be getting reimbursed by insurance.

1. Special Project Funding Requests:

* Must benefit everyone at school.
* Last year purchased two-way radios, buddy benches, PE equipment, and laminator.
* After all expenses are paid out, will have balance of approximately $11,000 - $12,000 in account.
* Prefer to leave $5,000 to start new year operating budget.
* Request for portable PA sound system that can be used for various activities at school. The cost is $2,999.99.
* Two-way radio request as well.
* Motion to fund sound system, seconded by Maren. Vote approved.
* Julie will send out emails to teachers to inquire about any potential special projects. Will ask teachers to attend June meeting to discuss requests.

1. Dr. Hogans: Title I and EOG discussions

* LR is a Title I school, receives fund from federal government to allow kids who may be in poverty to receive needed educational items and lunch. LR receives $127,000. $120,000 funds 2 teacher positions. Will have a little less funding next year since student numbers will be around 358.
* EOG (Grades 3-8): 5/26, 5/31, 6/1 formal testing, and remaining days will be makeup days.
* Students are either proficient or not proficient (proficient is 3, 4, or 5). Students right on edge will be given second opportunity to take assessment after 6/9.

1. Q&A with Dr. Hogans:

* Can you use the Edulog app if you’re not a parent?
* Recommended to contact the DPS transportation department to get information on Edulog.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Minutes submitted by Lesley Watson