

F.O.R. Kids
Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2017
Random Lake Pizzeria

Attendance:

(7) Carrie Rydzewski, Michelle Wallace, Laura Koepp, Lisa Masslich, Tracy Schoneman, Miriam Levitt, Jaime Birenbaum

Previous meeting notes are available on our website.

Treasurer: Jenni Tamblingson, is unable to continue as Treasurer due to her moving out of the district. Although she was able to present, Jaime Utecht has volunteered to be Treasurer and the group voted her in as Treasurer, unanimously. Carrie will follow up with the bank to have her added as a signor. Jenni is passing on all the Treasurer's files to Jaime.

Request for Funds:

Miriam presented a request for funds for playground balls and a rolling cart to store them. The middle schoolers were using the same equipment that she used when she was a kid. They would like to purchase 10 footballs and 10 basketballs. Quotes came from Mr. K., and we will be saving 30% off retail price through a company called Gopher. The industrial cart will be locked and stored near the 5th grade hallway. They did get 10 dodgeballs to use indoors last year and an electrical pump. We voted and agreed to donate the \$668 requested. We should put a sign or plaque on the cart that says sponsored by the PTO, we will agree to spend up to \$30 for the sign, Miriam generously agreed to look into the purchase of the sign for us and the cost will be added to the donation. If the cost of the sign goes over \$30 then Miriam will let me know and we will have the group approve. Carrie will email Miriam the FOR Kids logo.

Pam Rodgers is requesting \$250 to purchase a microphone for the monthly PBIS assemblies. The group agreed to donate the \$250.

Christmas Fundraiser: The group discussed making a donation to Laurie's Christmas Fundraiser for families in need. The school counselors and principals decide which families will need help making the holiday special. The school gives a combination of cash and gift cards to these families in need. The group agreed to take a vote on the donation and approved spending \$300. Jaime will write a check out to Walmart for \$300 and Carrie will purchase the cards.

Trunk or Treat Update: We currently have 15 trunks signed up, 5 of which are businesses. The first 100 kids to bring a canned good will get a glow necklace. There is no charge for individuals to do a trunk, only charging businesses who will be handing out promotional items, we are seeking more businesses to participate to make this a community event. The path from parking lot to pavilion will be lined with lights and

games. We will sell hot dogs, chili, to go chili, hot chocolate, bags of chip and bottles of water. Lisa noted we have leftover Jolly Good from Fun Fair, Carrie will add Jolly Good for \$1 per can to the food signs. We will try and get a picture of Dr. Bell's patients in front of his trunk. We discussed showing the movie, a Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown. Lisa volunteered her projector and a background sheet and a movie. The fire department is going to bring a fire truck but said no to the bonfire. We need volunteers to donate chili, sell food, and to sign up to decorate trunks. Lisa will talk to Christine about leftover trinkets from the fun fair and games that she could possibly use. Miriam will sign up to sell food at Trunk or Treat.

Student Directory: Is there a way to have a checkbox on the registration form that parents can check off to agree to have their address shared with other families. Miriam shared with the group that it isn't really that easy and she doesn't see how that is possible without a lot of manual work. The group present at the meeting was not interested in keeping the directory going, only half of families complete the online form anyway. If there is anyone who volunteers to take over this, then we will consider.

Operation Pay It Forward (potential name): Discussed the PTO starting a chain of pay it forward acts of kindness. We do something nice for a group or business in the community and then we ask them to pay it forward and do something kind for another group or business in the community, and then they pay it forward and so on and so on. This could include businesses or school groups, teachers, etc. Acts of kindness could be cleaning up the landscape or decorate it for the holiday, buying lunch and bringing it in for them. The group is in favor of this idea and we would like to track it on a facebook page or website and/or bulletin board at school. Some possible businesses to start the chain would be: the new dentist in town, this might be a nice way to welcome them. We want to target a business that is not currently involved in the school or PTO. Tracy Schoneman is going to do some research and we will discuss at future date.

Field Trip Money – We gave \$2,000 to each school (elementary and middle) to help reduce the costs for field trips. We want to be able to additionally help families who need help lowering the costs of field trips, but for only those families who specifically need help. The group discussed if we could somehow target a number by looking into who qualifies for free lunch (note: not reduced lunch). For privacy reasons, only Amy Lawrenz has access to which families can qualify for free lunches (staff does not have access to this). Maybe there is a way to go through Amy and offer something to just these families. Miriam will research to see if there is a fund where we could put money that could only be used for field trips for families who qualify for free lunch.

Next meeting scheduled for November 21 at 6:30pm at Lakeview Community Library

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie Rydzewski