



Pine Ridge PTO General Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introduction – Tiffany Fox

- PTO Board Members: Tiffany Fox (President), Erin McClarty (Treasurer), Nicole Gill (Asst. Treasurer), Sarah O'Donnell (Secretary); Dave Goodell (Webmaster)

Principal's Report-Tamasha James

- Grade Level Team Meetings going well
 - Literacy – Map Scores came home last week and this week; teacher teams are looking at the data
 - Half of day per grade level to look at the data
- Lucy Calkins Reading Program overview
- Odyssey of the Mind Teams did a great job Saturday, announced via the intercom today
- Takeaways from survey to families last year:
 - Communication with families
 - Bullying
 - Continue to educate students on bullying vs bad behavior
 - Social Emotional Aide for Kinder, Nicole Noordyke
 - We've had her the last two years; it's a grant and we haven't heard about next year yet
 - Using Second Step program right now

President- Tiffany Fox

- Global Learning, Beth Stevens is our representative at Pine Ridge. There are a few opportunities for training. See Beth Stevens or Tiffany Fox for more information.
 - Institute for healing racism, restorative practices training
- Book Fair: April 20-24; will be open two evenings to shop or volunteer
 - B1G1 event for books (Spring sale)
 - Follett is new book vendor – better books, less junk, made more money for PTO
- Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser on Saturday, February 22 – 9AM-7PM Fundraiser, 20% of purchases donated to Pine Ridge
- Valentine's Day parties on Friday, February 14 from 2:30-3:30 PM, service project will be placemats for Sentinel Point
- VP Joni is heading up the carnival, March 14 from 11-3.
 - High school kids can get service hours by volunteering
 - Main challenge: volunteers for the day of carnival

John Salter-Teacher Report

- John Salter, teacher representative, here to relay information between PTO and teachers
 - Thank you for the Kindergarten iPads and iPens
 - 3rd Grade appreciates their IXL program, which PTO paid for a three year period
 - Teachers appreciate all the support across the board
- February is Black History Month, GLI club teachers and students put together a slide show, slides shown throughout the week. Kids interviewed local African Americans in GR and they have been showing it in class.
 - Silent March to the gym, deep discussions per grade level
 - Jackie Robinson, Bright Stars assembly tomorrow at 2:00 PM, K-4
- March is reading month!

Auction-Sarah O'Donnell

- The Auction is a fundraiser that Pine Ridge holds every other year
- This year the auction will be held Friday, May 1 from 6-10PM at the Fowling Warehouse
- Tickets are \$50 and include 2 drinks, food and fowling
- There will be class projects, silent auction, and some big-ticket raffle opportunities
- GRG kids for \$15/kid; Bambino babysitting app set up a fundraiser for us and will give \$5 for each babysitter booked for the auction evening

Direct Your Dollars-Sarah O'Donnell

- Pine Ridge needs to collect \$150,000 worth of receipts form any SpartanNash store (Family Fare, Ada Market, D&W, Forest Hills Foods) in order to earn a \$1000 donation from SpartanNash.
- \$20,000 collected so far
- Continue to spread the word and send in your original receipts!

Treasurer's Report-Erin McLarty

- IXL program purchased for the third graders
 - cost \$3200 for three year program; this was a special grant approved by the PTO
- Griffin's Game coming up; 147 tickets sold
- Hand2Hand service project at Winter Celebration was very successful!

Art Teacher-Miss Springsteen

- BFA, LQ, Working artist, primarily abstract art, metal and jewelry
- Getting married in June
- Graduated from Kendal Art School, received the art education excellence award
- Philosophy: teach the whole child
- Four Tier Lesson:
 - Rigorous art standards; Integrated standards; Multi sensory driven stimuli; Presentation differentiation
- Class culture: problem solving, collaboration, meaning, connection, mindfulness

Upcoming Events

2/11: Jackie Robinson Presentation, 2:00 PM

2/14: Valentine Celebrations 2:30-3:30 PM

2/27: 3rd Grade Musical

3/13: Half Day

3/14: Carnival

3/17 and 3/19 Conferences

4/2 Spring Recess Begins

4/13: School Resumes

4/23: Kindergarten Kick-Off

5/1: Auction