



Pine Ridge PTO General Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introduction - Sarah O'Donnell

- PTO board members: Sarah O'Donnell (co-president), Britt Metzger (co-president/parliamentarian), Marissa Andersen (secretary), Nicole Gill (treasurer), Mary Scripps (assistant treasurer), Dave Goodell (webmaster)

Guest Speakers

- Kristi Sherrington (guidance counselor)
 - Thank you for gift to add resources to her office
 - Interested in starting some groups with new students (friendship groups)
 - Getting into the classrooms to work on friendship and social skills
 - Also sees kids individually
 - Looking through wellness surveys to find students whose scores are elevated, reaching out to parents to talk about next steps
- Kacie Johnson (4th grade teacher)
 - First year as a 4th grade teacher but 7th year teaching overall
 - Does personal training and fitness on the side
 - Went through Pine Ridge growing up

Principal's Report

- THANK YOU for mask gifts
- School projection
 - Looking forward to having all kids at school
 - MAP testing
- COVID-19 update
 - Continuing to wear masks
 - Sanitizers at all entrances
 - No longer able to keep 6 feet apart with all kids in classrooms but confident in ability to still prevent spread
 - Children can't return to school after a fever without a negative test
 - Looking into free locations and options for parents looking to get tests
 - Cases don't mean a change in plan but ongoing spread might
 - Shutdowns might be district-wide but can also just be school to school
 - Confident moving forward with evidence from schools who have started earlier

Teacher Representative Report (Tammy Morris)

- THANK YOU for teacher checks

President's Report

- Thank you to...
 - Capriotti's
 - Sundance Grill
 - Card My Yard
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Back to school packets
 - Donations coming in online and from checks, reminder being sent out this week
- PR student t-shirts
 - Used throughout the year for different spirit days
 - 19 sponsors to cover entire cost of shirt!
 - "Better Together" logo
 - Ready in October
 - Open up a shop around the holidays for parents to purchase as well
 - Shirts going home with virtual students during Wednesday pickup
- Volunteer updates
 - Recruiting room parents, Sign Up Genius coming out this week
- Upcoming events
 - Half day dismisses at 11:55am
 - Chipotle fundraiser information coming soon
 - Fall book fair will be completely virtual, books sent home with kids through school
- Spending updates
 - Welcome gifts for staff coming back (masks, snack pack, coffee) = -\$380
 - Summer fundraiser = +\$375
 - Green communication folders
 - Portions of RAZ Kids and Freckle = \$1700

Treasurer's Report

- Changes because of fundraising
 - Other income = \$500 > \$1000 (painless fundraisers)
 - Spiritwear = \$100 > \$300 (more readily available for everyone)
 - Cultural arts, transportation decreased
- Ranger Rally donations coming in strong

Committee Reports

- Spirit wear
 - Big hits around holidays and spring
 - Looking at different vendors to offer some other options besides t-shirts (Alternate Apparel, RadCo)
 - Put everything up on the store through the website
 - Communication will go out as well
- School directory

- Looking into bringing virtual students from other schools into directory as well so all students can connect
- Cultural arts
 - Researching options besides big group events
- Painless fundraising
 - Box Tops
 - Can do them all by scanning receipt rather than clipping
 - Amazon Smile
 - School gets percentage of every Amazon order
 - Send step by step out to parents
 - Direct Your Dollars
 - Any receipt from D&W, Forest Hills Foods, Ada Market (SpartanNash)

Other Updates

- A motion was proposed by Jacob Hemmingsen to approve a \$90 grant to Ms. Johnson for paint for her classroom. The motion was seconded by Britt Metzger and approved by the board.