



## **Pine Ridge PTO General Meeting**

### **Thursday, December 10, 2020 - Zoom**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **In Attendance**

- Shreya Banerjee
- Nicole Gill
- Dave Goodell
- Sarah O'Donnell
- Liz Post
- Tamasha James
- Marissa Andersen
- Theresa Abel
- Britt Metzger
- Corri Sandwick
- Tammy Morris

#### **Welcome and Introduction - Britt Metzger**

- 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)

#### **Teacher Representative Report - Tammy Morris**

- Grateful for families willing to change classes in kindergarten to get kids spread out more
- Hooks in the hallway
  - More ways to spread out
- Really appreciated the treats during spirit week
- Huge appreciation for the Shipt memberships
- Been a tough year but amazed at everyone's resilience

#### **Principal Report - Tamasha James**

- Thank you PTO
  - Coffee
  - Encouraging emails and notes
  - Awesome kids
  - Restaurant fundraisers
  - Impressed with how well the PTO is still functioning
- Teachers
  - Working really hard and still planning, growing, adapting
  - Keeping things light and fun for the kids

- 2nd Semester
  - Lots of unknowns
  - Working on engaging virtual students and families better
  - Placement changes are finalized, those letters are going out on Monday
  - Taking things out of the rooms to make more room for students to space
  - Hiring a new virtual kindergarten teacher

### **President's Report - Sarah O'Donnell & Britt Metzger**

- Thank you for all the PTO support even through this challenging year
  - Grateful for all the donations received
- Staff appreciation
  - November = mini pies
  - December = Shipt memberships (donated by Shipt)
  - Working to continue to provide these types of appreciations throughout the year
- Upcoming events
  - Winter celebration - December 17
    - Completely planned by the PTO
    - Wanted to keep things simple with uncertainty of these few weeks
  - Half days - December 17 & 18
  - Restaurant fundraiser
    - Licari's Sicilian Pizza Kitchen - December 22
    - Can order pizza kits to do together as a family

### **Treasurer's Report - Nicole Gill**

- PTO spending report
  - Continue to offer this going forward to show where money is coming in and going out

### **Committee Updates**

- Cultural arts
  - Book drive to bring more diverse books to the Pine Ridge library
    - 31 books delivered on Friday
    - 39 more posted on the website
  - One book, one month
    - Choosing one diverse book each month to read to the entire school
    - Goal is to normalize differences, help our children grow to understand that everyone is important
  - Guest readers
    - Looking for parents to record readings of some of the new books to put on Mrs. Zietz's Google classroom
- Online directory
  - Membership Toolkit
  - Encouraging everyone to sign up and spread the word about this option
- Painless fundraising

- Amazon Smile
  - Link to your Amazon account or through the app
- Box Tops
  - Can do paper or electronic versions
- Direct Your Dollars
  - Save receipts from D&W, Forest Hills Foods, Ada Market and send in with kids
  - Looking to earn \$1000 this year
- Spirit wear
  - Sold some items this summer
  - Purchased “Better Together” shirts for all the students with corporate sponsors
  - Spring spirit wear shop coming
  - Looking to collect used spirit wear this spring to sell back this fall