



PTA Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Called Meeting to order via Zoom: 7:01 p.m.

In Attendance:

Anissa Willis (President), Linda Gopal (Treasurer), Melissa McGee (Secretary), Sarah Bourgeois Sherryl Loya (Principal), Kathryns, John, Suzanna Pavlus, Graham Edwards, Savitha Seshadri, Sue Weaver, Carmen, Silvana White

Approved the September Meeting Minutes. Melissa made a motion to approve the September minutes, Anissa seconded the motion. All approved.

President Report

- **PTA Membership-** We broke 200! Can we get to 230?
- **Farmwell vs Trailside Volleyball Game-** Need 1 (or 2) Chairs
 - If you know of anyone who would like to be a chair, please let us know.

Treasurer's Report

- PTA has **\$21,750.44** in cash in the accounts as of today, October 12th, 2021.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Sherryl Loya

- We are providing an internet safety program from the Sheriff's office for parents to find out about ways to protect their children on social media.
 - The meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct 20th at 7:00pm; It is also a zoom meeting and will be posted in the Friday newsletter
 - We have 25 clubs as of today! We had a lot of teachers step up to create these clubs.
 - We launched our Chocolate Fundraiser today. We need to replenish our student activity account.
 - We have 1 Gaga ball pit. It cost \$5,000, 2 years ago and it was just put up this year because of Covid. Mrs. Loya would love to have 2 Gaga pits because the students really love it.

- We would like to have a Falcon mascot costume that someone could wear and build school spirit at different events. We should discuss it soon.
- Normally we had set aside money in the budget that PTA gave to school for certain expenditures. We need to decide how much is expendable.
 - Linda Gopal said we budgeted \$5800 for teacher expenditures.
 - Mrs. Loya will bring something in writing to the next meeting, as well as estimated costs.

Committee Chairs updates:

- Falcon's Nest- Nichole Keller:
 - *Staffed- thank you!*
 - *Ordering Mint issue*
 - The mints are very popular among students. There is a supply issue for the mints. They bring in a lot of money at The Nest.
- Fundraisers- Anissa Willis:
 - *Fuddrucker's-Sep, earned \$324 but the owner is rounding up to \$500! Chipotle last week- Earned \$346!; AR Workshop 11/1-11/15; The Yard 11/8*
 - AR Workshop is DIY at home kits. You can purchase the kit. It is a great way to spend time with your family and make good gifts.
 - The Yard is a new milkshake place in One Loudoun.
- Giving Tree- Nichole Keller-
 - *PTA to sponsor \$200 donation this year? Fees to process the donations? Do we want to do a sign-up genius for gift cards to various businesses to be donated by families?*
 - Nichole gave an update via email. She stated that she spoke to Donna and was told that Principal Loya would like to do The Giving Tree the same way we did it last year.
 - Nichole said that she does not think it is in the budget for the PTA to do a donation match like last year, and this needs to be addressed at the meeting.
 - Donna and Nichole discussed the idea of creating a Sign Up Genius for gift cards to specific locations to be chosen and delivered if the PTA chooses not to take on the task of buying all the gift cards, as was done last year.
 - Linda Gopal and Principal Loya like the idea of families going online and donating money and we buy the gift cards.

- Suzanne Pavlus asked if we could offer a QR code for parents to donate money to The Giving Tree?
 - She also asked if we could reach out to past sponsors to see if they would want to contribute to the Giving Tree?
- Hospitality- Suzanne Pavlus
 - Will give an update next month about Hospitality.
- Membership- Savitha Seshadri:
 - *Total 201; Parent- 158 & Staff- 43 with 25 Donations*
 - We crossed the 200 mark with support from the teachers.
- Odyssey of the Mind- Ashley Brody:
 - *Interest meetings first of Oct; Ask for PTA sponsorship for OOTM registration*
 - We have 4 commitments (2 7th grade and 2 8th grade), with the potential of 1 more. Farmwell would have 1 team.
 - Ashley would like to ask for PTA sponsorship for the OOTM registration fee.
 - Have to register in October to allow us to have teams (up to 5 teams total, per school registration)
 - The fee is what enables us to register for competitions as well as have access to the program materials.
 - **Anissa Willis made a motion to sponsor the \$135 registration fee for Odyssey of the Mind, pending team formation, for the 2021-2022 school year. Suzanne Pavlus seconded the motion. All in favor.**
- SEAC- Todd Fielding
 - *See notes*
 - The group is recommending an expanded offering for DL for students with medical or special needs.
 - A plan was recommended that parents be notified if the special education program is moving from one building to another, at any time. Previously, this had not been communicated.
 - The group updated its procedures to reflect state guidelines regarding electronic participation in SEAC meetings.
 - Representatives from the Department of Special Education reported that 90 training opportunities have been offered on training topics such as communications, behavior, inclusion practices and specialized instruction, with more than 900 staff members being trained.

- School Supply Kits- Suzanne Pavlus
 - No update
- Spirit Wear- Nichole Keller:
 - *PJ pants*
 - Anissa reported that Nichole said the PJ pants cost \$28 and they sell for \$23, so they are not a great seller. Any thoughts?
 - Suzanne suggested that the PJ pants are popular and that if they aren't being offered, we should partner with Broad Run because they do sell them.
 - Principal Loya also agreed that the PJ pants were well liked and asked if we could find them at a better price? We need to look into other vendors.
- Volleyball- OPEN Chair Position
 - Reach out to Anissa if you know of anyone that would be interested.
 - The game will likely be in Jan/Feb, so we do need to get a chair.
- Volunteers- Savitha Seshadri;
- **New Business** – open additional topics for consideration/discussion
 - Someone asked Mrs. Loya if there would be middle school dances this year?
 - Mrs. Loya responded, No, we cannot have dances because of the Covid protocols, but we are looking at doing a Bingo night or some other event instead.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2021