PTA General Meeting Minutes- September 10, 2024

1. Welcome
	1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Jen Becher.
	2. Introductions of the board and Principal were presented to the body. The body introduced themselves and students.
	3. Principal’s Report- Student of the Month has shadow boxes outside of each classroom to showcase the child throughout the month. This is new this year. If there are any issues with pictures being displayed, please contact the office. Birthday with the Principal will occur monthly, we do incorporate summer birthdays as well. We have a new fun surprise decoration for this year- a large inflatable cupcake. PBIS basis was explained. This year’s theme will be Moana. To tie into PTA travel theme the first stop is Hawaii. Kids of Steel is a minimarathon in the spring for kids sponsored by US Steel. They provide bussing to the location with all sorts of free events and goodies for the kids. More information to come.
	4. Title I- Brief overview of what Title I means for our district. Initial groupings done, Tier time starting shortly. Testing to screen skills to assign appropriate groups as well as reevaluate throughout the year. Start with basic building block concepts and build up.
2. Upcoming Calendar Events

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| 9/12 PBIS Kickoff | 9/30 Student of the Month |
| 9/19 Birthday with the Principal | 10/1-10/3 Bookfair |
| 9/19 School Board Meeting | 10/4 Grand Event |
| 9/27 2Hr Early Release |  |
| 9/29 Bowling Party |  |

1. New Business
	1. Approval of Minutes- Motion was made by Lauren Johns to approve the minutes for the May 2024 meeting. Motion was seconded by Kristy Myford. Motion carried at 7:23pm unanimously. A motion to approve the summer committee chair zoom meeting, with the correction adding Maureen Hasson as the one who made the motion or the back-to-school signage was made by Lauren Johns and seconded by Barb Smith. The motion carried at 7:24 unanimously.
	2. Budget Approval/Treasurer’s Report- A motion was made by Nicole Struzynski to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Linda Pancoast and carried unanimously at 7:21pm.
	3. Standing Rules- Our standing rules were explained. A discussion of the need for attending 2 meetings and volunteering 2hrs to qualify for field trips and fun day was explained and discussed. A motion to accept the standing rules as they stand was made by Kayla Krupp, seconded by Linda Pancoast. The motion carried unanimously at 7:27pm.
	4. Theme- Travel theme this year. The art teacher and students are creating student suitcases to fill with their work throughout the year. Each student will receive an unofficial passport, and it will be filled with stickers/stamps throughout the year marking each PTA event.
	5. Communication- We will be implementing google chats as a main form of communication this year. Each committee will have a chat and invites to the committee members will be sent.
	6. Fundraisers- A brief overview of the 2 main fundraisers for the year. We really appreciate all the support, and we hope to continue to grow.
	7. Year Events- An overview of tentative events was provided, please refer to the chart that was part of the membership packet. More information to come.
	8. School Board Liaison- We would like someone to attend the school board meetings and work as a liaison between the school district and the PTA should any needs arise. A script can be provided by the board if requested for a matter that the liaison would need to speak on the behalf of the PTA. A current matter has been brought up to the school board and we would like to continue to keep tabs on progress and how it affects the students. Currently the cell service is beyond terrible throughout the building. Communication for any form is limited and unsafe for emergencies. Mrs. Baker explained the 2 safety programs that we have on site (BluePoint and Raptor) A system can update staff to very important details, update and instructions in emergency situations, cannot be utilized to its fullest potential due to the lack of cell service within the building. Officer Boyle has been in contact with the school board. The building was evaluated and analyzed and deemed to need a booster to provide service. Officer Boyle is seeking a grant for costs. This is a safety concern to continue to monitor.
2. Committee Reports
	1. Birthday with the Principal- August and September birthdays will be celebrated on 9/19.
	2. Bookfair- 10/1-10/3 classroom shopping, Grand Event 10/4. February fair 2/4-2/6 and will be available during STEAM night 2/5. May BOGO fair 5/6-5/8. Push for e-wallet use. We earn 50% of sales by receiving scholastic dollars vs 25% cash. Multiple times a year each student pick a free book to take home.
	3. Bowling Party- The plan is for 3 parties this year. The back-to-school bowling party will be 9/29 from 4-4pm at Spins. $10 per bowler for the 3 hours of bowling and includes shoe rental. $5 goes to Spins and the PTA earns $5. Halfway through turns to cosmic bowling. Approximately 8 volunteers needed for spirit wear and 50/50. In the past we have voted to tip the workers each $10 at the end of the event. To limit the recurring vote a motion was discussed to approve in advance. A motion was made by Nicole Struzynski to tip each Spins employee working the event $10. This will stay in affect for the subsequent bowling events throughout this school year. The motion was seconded by Amanda Biddle and passed unanimously at 7:51pm. \* A submitted report will be attached to the formal minutes.
	4. Decorating- Will create a budget, use of area around the flagpole and the front area outside the school. Kids will make flowers, fall setup, etc. 3rd grade Kindness Club members to help. A motion requesting $100 plus donations to be used for decorating the school for the holiday was made by Amanda Biddle. The motion was seconded by Nicole Struzynski and carried unanimously at 8:02pm.
	5. Lottery Calendars- Overview of the calendars for new families. Lottery Calendars sell for $25 each. 365 chances to win varying amounts based on the day. Lottery Calendars are in and ready to be requested. Flyers coming home, sign-up sheet also present at the meeting. Previously the top sellers received large amounts of money for the top 3 sellers. Nicole Sopko made a motion to change the top seller payout incentives. Nicole’s motion was to provide the top 3 sellers with Amazon gift cards: $100 for 1st place, $75 for 2nd place and $50 for 3rd place top sellers. In addition to individual seller rewards, the top 3 classrooms with the highest selling participation will receive a class pizza party. The hope is to encourage all to participate. The motion was seconded by Lauren Johns and passed unanimously at 8:06pm. \* A submitted report will be attached to the formal minutes.
	6. Membership- We currently have 68 members plus all those turning in tonight. Forms due 9/24 and clearances are due 10/16.
	7. Pink Pumpkins- Bried overview of the pink pumpkin contest. Need 250 pumpkins. We will use Flora Park (sp?- Amanda Biddle’s uncle). Students will receive the pumpkins 10/11 and they are due 10/18.
	8. Reflections- Mrs. Baker gave overview of the program/levels/awards. If this is something we are adding this year, we need a chairperson ASAP!!
	9. Safety Week- Kristy Myford handling but needs help. 10/21-10/25. Mr. Yuck from Children’s is coming. Fire/Police/EMS visit as well. Possibly adding STAT Med Evac. Coloring contest with previous year's budget at $25 for prizes.
3. Next Metting- Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @7pm, Clara Barton Cafeteria
4. Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned by Jen Becher at 8:21pm.

There were 28 members present.

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