

## **Dixon Elementary PTO Minutes**

**Meeting 10/10/19 6:30 p.m.**

### **Attendees**

Sara Monty, Jeremy Monty, Nicole Fitzgerald, Kelly Javoroski, Julie Gretzon, Kristen Riegert, Vicky Shokatz, Anusha Gopalakrishnan, Melissa Holland, Connie Peterson, Carey Drees, Katie Voss, Shana Meidam, Raquel Bialek, Brittany Muriello, Suzanne Jaquith, Mary Schubert, Michelle Murphy, Ana Kovacic, Megan Repsa, Paul Wadzinske

### **Call to Order**

Sara Monty 6:34 p.m.

### **Review and Approval of September 2019 Minutes**

Jeremy M. motion; Connie P. second

### **Principal Report: Mrs. Holland for Mr. Sadowski**

The Fall Fundraiser has been very successful and Mr. Sadowski is excited to get slimed on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the day will be sent out Friday via School Messenger. The PTO has supported the Arts in Me Program this year. The first all-school assembly was the Indian Aarabhi Dance School. The students enjoyed the dancing! The second day of Professional Development for the Staff was on Monday. The feedback was positive from the teachers and the amount of work they can get done as opposed to the early release in years past. The Nutcracker auditions have begun. A big thank you to Harvey for coming in on Saturdays to open the school. We still are short on custodial staff. The current custodians are doing a wonderful job keeping our school beautiful. Thank you for all your support!

**EEF Report** (Spencer Mayhew): no report; Didn't attend

**Boy Scout Report** (Paul Wadzinske): Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring Cub Scouts and the continued support. It's great to see the Cub Scouts grow and continue their friendships in the years to come.

### **Old Business**

**Spirit Wear** (Megan R.): We raised \$172.00 from the Spirit Wear sale. There was discussion to possibly have a December sale. Also, have youth sized apparel at the Back to School Picnic that the parents can buy the day of the event. We should purchase t-shirts for the Picnic and put this in the budget.

**Nominations for President Elect** (Sara M.): No one offered to fill this position at this time.

### **New Business**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Fall Fundraiser** (Raquel B.): Thank you to the Fall Fundraiser Committee, Saroeum Venburg, and Raquel Bialek. Thank you to Jeremy Monty and Megan Repsa for getting sponsors. We will be able to get t-shirts for all the students without donating a lot of the funds from the Fundraiser. We still are accepting donations until October 18<sup>th</sup>. Students with the highest donation will be Principal or a Special Teacher for half a day. Classroom with the most donations will get \$300 to spend on classroom improvement.

The total donations are \$52,729. Step It Up totaled \$45,057, Buyouts \$5,171.40 and Sponsors \$2,500. The sliming date for Mr. Sadowski is October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. Dixon Girl Scout Troops are helping to make the slime. Top 5 students will get to slime Mr. Sadowski. The Sponsors are: James Riccaboni of Patton/Bitterberg, Gross Inspection Services, J&J Contractors LLC and DenSoy Candle Company. The schedule for the event has been changed so parents please update your sign-up times if needed. We will start planning next year's event soon. We plan on doing everything ourselves. We plan on running the whole day event with the help of about 60 volunteers.

**Directory:** 881 emails and 428 confirmed. Parents should go to [dixonpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://dixonpto.membershiptoolkit.com) to create an account if they want to access the Directory. Only the families who have registered are visible in the Directory for other parents. **PayPal:** We can create PayPal payment links for Dixon events. PayPal fees will be added to the base cost, which can range from \$1-\$3 added. We are using PayPal for the Nutcracker this year.

**Costume Dance** (Kristen R.): Volunteers are encouraged to sign up. We have a DJ for the event. Clean Up crew still hasn't been determined.

**Dixon Garden and TYPTL:** TYPTL is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade families. The Kindergarten lunchtime is 11:35 a.m.-11:56 a.m. and the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade lunchtime is 10:50 a.m.-11:10 a.m. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out soon. Volunteers are needed to break down the Dixon Garden for the winter. Volunteers are also needed to help maintain the garden for next season.

**Parent Night Out** (Mary S.): The PNO will be at Biloba Brewing Company. The space is inviting and this is a private event for Dixon Families and Staff. There will be a DJ, brewer tour and food. A suggestion was made to have a PNO table at the Halloween Dance to get more parents to come to Biloba. An outdoor movie, Whirleyball and/or food trucks were some ideas mentioned for a Spring Parent Night Out. At the end of the year, there is an idea to have veteran Dixon families match up with new, incoming families. We hope to have 3 different dates in the summer for popsicles on the playground for incoming Kindergarten students or new families.

**Book Fair** (Sara M.): The Book Fair is scheduled for Nov. 5-15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Sign-Up Genius sent out.

### **Volunteer Opportunities (Sara M.)**

Fall Fundraiser Co-Chair, Fall Fundraiser Volunteers and Carnival Co-Chair are needed-if anyone is interested please contact a PTO member.

Katie motion to adjourn; Shana second (7:37 p.m.)