

## Dixon Elementary PTO Minutes

Meeting 9/19/19 6:30 p.m.

### Attendees

Sara Monty, Nicole Fitzgerald, Kelly Javoroski, Maria Kotsonis, Julie Gretzon, Jen Koch, Kristen Riegert, Griffin Kopp, Vicky Shokatz, Anusha Gopalakrishnan, Jeremy Monty, Mark Albertson, Melissa Holland, Connie Peterson, Carey Drees, Katie Voss

### Call to Order

Sara Monty 6:30 p.m.

### Review and Approval of May 2019 Minutes

Sara Monty motion; Maria second

### Principal Report: Mr. Sadowski

Interested in hearing some feedback about Strong Start and maybe having school pictures during the S.S. conferences. The fundraiser is under way and he has some good ideas for next year. All students will receive a Spring Sing t-shirt that they will be able to wear the day of the event. There was mention that the Spring Sing video should be put on the Dixon district website. There is a Ladies Night planned and need a theme for a basket. Thanks for the support in planning. Some ideas were mentioned for Veteran's Day and how we can celebrate the veterans here at Dixon. Baked goods after an assembly, students make cards and line the hallways to honor and support the veterans. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes didn't go on their field trip to Madison last year. We need to make this happen this year possibly by looking into a different bussing company.

### Old Business

Welcome Back Picnic (Sara M.): The Check-In was organized but the pictures took too long because the parents had a chance to view the photos. More photographers are needed from Lifetouch. The food tables were in the gym due to the weather which made the gym crowded as well.

WooHoo/BooHoo (Sara M.): Really good turn out and delicious donuts from Cranky AI's. There was a suggestion to hand out PTO member paperwork during this time for new families to come to the meetings.

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

### New Business

**Budget-Proposal and Approval of 2019-2020** (Anusha G.): Sara Monty motion; Maria second

**Playground Planning Committee** (Sara M.): The goal is to add something new to the playground possibly a climbing structure or more swings. A proposal was made to use \$8,000 from surplus funds for playground equipment for next year. Funding doesn't come from the district. The only funding comes

from the school. Members on this committee: Katie Voss, Carey Drees, Connie Peterson, Jen Koch, Sara Monty

### **Committee Reports**

Room Parents (Maria K./Sara M.): 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class-Bray needs a room parent. More than 10 people signed up but then couldn't commit or signed up accidentally. There was a suggestion to have the classroom teachers include a sign-up for room parent in their Back to School Welcome email to the families.

Fall Fundraiser: So far the fundraiser has \$9,500 in online donations. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the final day to turn in donations. There is a buy-out option. Everyone is allowed to participate no matter the donation amount. On event day, the students will get their Spring Sing t-shirt to wear. The winners of the Golden ticket: Abby Jones-IPad, Colton Liebert-mini fridge with cash and Hriday Kumar-mini fridge with cash. There was some confusion about the Golden Ticket. Last year there were too many little prizes. This year there were larger prizes which left some students and families disappointed. There should be mention that if parents do the buy-out then 100% of the money goes to the PTO. Eventually this can be a school-run event and we will not have to pay an outside company. Mr. Sadowski discussed how the Fun Run was organized at Swanson. He said that it is laid out before the event so everyone knows what the money is going to be used for at school.

Directory: The Directory has changed and some parents mentioned it was difficult to navigate. Maybe a reminder can be sent for families to sign up for the online Directory.

Costume Dance (Kristen R.): We are in need of a DJ. Some parents were discussing some options such as Maureen Brock's brother and someone else that Connie P. knows. Linda always handled the clean-up after the dance so there was discussion on how this should be handled this year. Mr. Sadowski will look into it.

Spirit Wear: No update was provided.

Dixon Garden and TYPTL: TYPTL is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. This is for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade families.

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

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

Jeremy motion to adjourn; Connie second (7:55 p.m.)