PTO Minutes

Sept 11, 2017

- Introductions around the table.
  - Total of 18 people attended. Of those 4 were PTO staff members, 10 were parents and 4 teachers/Dry Creek Elementary Staff.
    - Newcomers heard about meeting from end of year newsletter sent home in Wed folder and the reader board sign

- Bookfair
  - 30% of dollars made return to the PTO – typically invested back into the school
  - Agreed to skip afternoon shift on Tuesday due to Back to School night.
  - Volunteers on registers: Marrissa, Amanda, Sarah Watson, Sarah Waterkotte
  - Marrissa will call and ask about getting a 2nd register
  - Call for Volunteers am shift and afternoon shift. (Please note names of volunteers were added after the meeting upon confirmation of who was available to work which shifts)
    - Marrissa will set up in the am Monday morning with the help of Sarah Watson. Monday afternoon shift – Sarah Waterkotte, Brenda Kennedy
    - Tuesday am – Marrissa and Sarah Watson
    - Wed am. – Marrissa and Sarah Watson. Wed afternoon- Amanda, Sarah Watson, Brenda Kennedy
    - Thursday am - Marrissa and Sarah Watson. Thursday afternoon- Amanda, Brenda Kennedy

- Scholastic Dollars
  - Made from Bookfair

- Yankee Candle
  - Packets go home with students Oct 18th. They have 2 weeks to “sell” and turn in paperwork.
  - Any Orders made online will ship directly to the person. Orders with students must be delivered by students.
  - Suggestion: Flyer included in Wed folder in advance of event.

- Octoberfest
  - now changed to Monster Mash dance party by vote of attending body. To be held Oct 20th, 6 pm – 8 pm.
  - entrance fee by donation or ticket system
    - Suggestions: individual kid & family pricing system if charging admittance. OR use a ticket system with option to purchase extra tickets.
  - Goodie bag of glow items handed out to attendees
    - Suggestion on contents of bags
      - Pumpkin eraser
      - Glow necklace/bracelet
      - Glow sticks
• Hersey’s chocolate kiss
  o Activities
    ▪ photo booth area
    ▪ craft table to decorate pumpkins
      ▪ Possible to use some of the school supplies - IE scissors, crayons, etc if needed?
      ▪ Pumpkin Scratch Paper Art
      ▪ Stickers
        ▪ Shadow puppet theater
        ▪ Hair painting
        ▪ Games with glow sticks
        ▪ Catapult
  • Box Tops
    o New! Volunteer to coordinate: Natalie Petersen
      ▪ She will be emailing how to collect formats we can post on social media and website.
    o Suggestion: Classroom contest to decorate new collection tubs
    o Suggestion: Collection bin in the front of the school, made large for parents to drop them into
    o Suggestion: Create a “Golden Box Top” award to be given out at the monthly school assembly on contest months.
  • Budget
    o As of Aug 31st our account as $4427.98
      ▪ Two checks are pending deposit: Box Top April Payout($26.50) & Kula Foundation($10.67)
    o Board will work on reestablishing a Non-profit status. Progress report will be given at the next PTO meeting
  • Science Van – hosted by the Pacific Science Center
    o During select months you do no need to also pay mileage.
    o Nov is Physics on Wheels
      ▪ Rich will book
      ▪ Pricing system is in limbo but expected to be about $400
        ▪ Our school qualifies for a grant as we are low income
  • Tears of Joy or similar
    o Suggestion: Contact the group behind Strictly No Elephants musical
    o Suggestion: Missoula Children’s Theater group.
      ▪ Can inquire about online, although very limited to no choice on when they may come. Marrissa will email to see about booking. Spring would be a bad time.
      ▪ A week long event, very kid based. Described as fun, and worth it for the children as well as anyone who attends the performance.
• General notes
  o Suggestion: give a description of event when asking for Volunteers along with dates/time
  o FroYo Takeover
    ▪ Rich has contacted and learned they do these on Thursday or Sunday. He will arrange when they get back to him on dates that are available.
  o Swimming Pool Party
    ▪ prefer in Feb or March. Marrissa contacted them however they do not have a schedule for those months yet.
  o Movie Night
    ▪ Ms. Hendricks will look for a date on an upcoming Friday to coordinate dressing up for Inside-Out.
  o Recommendation: Full page flyer added to Wed folders 2 weeks before event, ½ page flyer sent out the week before.
  o Request to have minutes sent via email to attending body as well as entire school staff. Print copy to post on PTO board in hallway.

• Meeting ended about 7:50 pm