

October Douglas PTO Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

In Attendance

Tasha Goedhart, Julie Longchamps, Corrie Hull, Jessica Montanari, Jessica Frank, Kerri Chrobak, Cindy Socha, Katie Wall, Ken Haynes, Dawn Robidoux

Call to Order: 6:32 PM

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jessica M. to approve the minutes and seconded by Julie. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Closing assets at \$60,966.92.
- Two items for \$125 not cleared yet
- Got 1st day school supplies check for \$380
- Back to school event raised \$1,964.72. After overhead with supplies bought it was \$1,126.58.
- Butter braids are halfway to goal
- 3rd grade field trip deposit made
- Johnny K, mystery science and some teacher reimbursements paid
- Veterans Day pins bought for Primary

Fundraising:

- **Restaurant Nights-** October 10 is Papa Gino's for 20%. November 14 is Red Robin for 20%. December is Panera in Millbury for 20% (also a minimum sales for this one). January is Texas Roadhouse for 10%. Jessica M looking inn to Chuck E Cheese for February (maybe vacation week?)
- **Unfundraiser-** \$475 made so far. After one Unipay payment goes through we will be at \$500 goal
- **SSOTM-** Closed out. 148 signed up which is good because they come in packs of 50. Tasha will help Katie with these. October order coming in shortly.
- **Breads and Crisps-** Over \$1,500 in profit with a week still to sell. Next PTO meeting is pickup. Order dropped off at 2:00. Will need help with assembly.
- **Corporate Donations-** Dawn will start spreadsheet with company ideas. Tasha and Jess offered to help
- **Back to School Event-** 1,100 made ice cream went really well, easy clean up. Great feedback from families

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Staff Appreciation** - Wednesday, 10/16. Panera bagels and pastries. Anjelica will pick up from two Panera locations the night before. Julie can help with pick up. Will need set up help. Thinking of a trail mix bar in December.
- **Spiritwear-** \$121.91 profit after sale
- **Tiger Treasures Store** - First store is this week. Purchased items. No one outside normal meeting members are signed up to volunteer
- **Recess Committee-** Dawn restocked both schools. Nothing else to report
- **Box tops-** Elementary \$128.90, Primary \$71.90. This is more than we were at end of last year. Katie will post on Facebook about signing up and getting referrals
- **BBBS/ Walmart Pay** - Should be receiving checks from both soon

New Business:

- **Social Media**- Tasha would like to help spread the word and set up accounts that share simultaneously
- **Trunk or Treat**- 12 cars signed up. Anjelica needs contacts and will reach out to fire and police depts. HS has Haunted Halls that night and would like us to share their info too
- **STEM Night**- WPI coming Tuesday, 11/19. Space limited to about 60 students so first come, first serve
- **Wreaths**- Jenn Macy will chair again. Dates not set yet. Kerri will help
- **Veterans Day**- Nov. 8 at Primary. Looking for food donations. Katie will send out sign ups next week. There will be ladders with flags on Gleason. Giving out pins and bracelets to veterans. Food should be brought in warm and staff will keep it warm until eating at 9. Mrs Socha is looking for 4 volunteers.
- **5 Below**- Tasha is looking into their shopping week that will give us a percentage back (similar to restaurant nights).
- **New Fundraising Ideas**- Jess F. suggested a babysitting night. Grants and who can get these was discussed. Corrie gave the idea of a candle fundraiser.

Principals Reports/Teacher Reports:

Mrs. Socha-

- Book fair made the most money to date at \$2,300
- Thank you to Jessica M. for the great bulletin boards
- Ecotarium field trip next Friday 10/18 (no parent chaperones). Bus prices increased but still able to make it \$15 instead of \$19 per student
- PD day Friday is a speaker from Lesley College on reading fluency
- 2 new school improvement ideas this year. 1 is student goal which will be STAR assessment reviews. Instead of just looking at which color each student is in, we will be looking at each student's growth rate to make sure everyone is improving properly. 2 is family engagement. Postcards from teachers are starting to be sent home to give students something positive.

Mr. Haynes-

- Hitting our stride
- Plimouth Museums brought back with new amount given by PTO. 2nd grade planning Roger Williams Zoo for spring. 5th grade looking in to Duck Boats
- PD day Friday. Teams will be looking at STAR assessment data to help kids improve
- New staff room is being used. Fuel up Friday's has started with coffee to get staff in for a morale boost
- Elementary would like to try to set up a book fair if possible. Maybe read across America week?
- School improvement is enhancing less absences. 49% of students have missed 10-15 days in a year. Goal is to get this down to 20%

Motion to adjourn meeting-Motion was made by Tasha to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jessica M at 7:35 PM.