

PTO Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022

Checking account balance is \$28,236.94. Transferring \$8,000 to money builder. Deciding at next meeting if want to transfer to a higher interest rate CD for 12 months.

Trunk or treat-12 trunks. PTO will purchase 20 bags of candy to have incase people run out. Jody Noonan will purchase. Will plan on trunks arriving at 5:00 to be ready to go by 5:30. Planning to decorate cafeteria on Sunday Oct. 23 at 10:00. Anyone welcome to come help.

Holiday in the Garden is set for Dec. 11 from 3:30-5:00. PTO decided to try and find a Santa and have him in the cafeteria where cookies are being decorated instead of having music. Nicole Curoe is going to provide her holiday back drop for photo opportunities. Dan Wendler is going to email Sue Knepper and let her know we need the 300 cookies ready by Friday, December 9th. Will set time for set up next meeting. Also discussed purchasing cookie scoops. Asking 5th grade teachers if they would be willing to have their students decorate the literacy garden.

Conference week - PTO will purchase snack bags for 30 teachers and look into providing a meal on Thursday. Steph Zalaznik is going to contact Moski's to see if available. Looking around 11:30 time and Dan Wendler will pick up if delivery is not an option. Jody Noonan will purchase snacks for bags.

Dan Wendler will move forward with ordering shirts for new students to have on hand.

Rubber chips -purchasing more 4 by 4's in hope to prevent rubber chips from washing away. Lisa Aschtgen is going to measure and purchase the wood and lag bolts from Cascade Lumber. Only adding second layer to lower side of playground. PTO will cover the cost. Dan Wendler is going to talk to Schockemoehl Landscaping about plowing this winter, so they don't knock out boards. It was discussed to not plow basketball area to help prevent boards from being moved. PTO will purchase 4 push brooms for kids sweep rubber mulch at recess if they want.

Project ideas -Separate PreK playground is now a need due to more 3 year old's and paras being needed to monitor the PreK at recess time. Building and grounds will cover fencing, grading, and woodchips. Dan Wendler is going to contact company last years playground was purchase from for ideas. Jody Noonan will contact Heiar fencing when dimensions are decided. Location options are next to sidewalk where kids line up for car pick up or in front of school in front of office. Leaning towards next to sidewalk. Dan Wendler will look into grant options. Steph Zalaznik will ask Monticello PTO where their grants came from for their PreK playground. Discussion on surface for playground area, wood chips, rubber mats and grass. Would be nice to have more handicap accessible. Will look into pricing.

VIP Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th. Menu will be decided at later date.

Mrs. Hummel's request to purchase 30pk of Gopher FITstep stream watches was approved. They track steps and MVPA. Each student will have a chance to wear throughout the year. Total cost is \$1,500. Parents thought great idea and would be interested in seeing results.

Conversation on Seesaw and what parents thought. Parents are liking the app, wishing more communication/photos of what their child is doing. More features for Seesaw, teachers/staff just haven't had a lot of training on yet. Dan Wendler is going to talk to the teachers about turning on the comment feature.

Kendra Kedley is doing a PTO newsletter every month and is going to ask parents for any ideas on big projects.

Color run date is moved to Thursday, May 11. Will invite all preschool students to attend that day.

Will look into putting a survey together for next year asking parents input on PTO events.

Next meeting is November 16th at The Corner Taproom.