

# **Ojibwa PTO Meeting Minutes** **Tuesday, October 10th , 2023**

**Meeting Called to Order: Fran Pace – 7:02 PM**

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Lisa Klute & Lindsay Wiitanen

## **Presidents Report (Fran Pace):**

- 10/12 – Bookfair Set-up
- 10/15 – Bookfair
- 10/30 – Meet with Mrs. Milke and Leadership Group on how to have these students be more involved in helping with in-school PTO programs.
- 11/5 – Family Bowling Night

## **Treasurer's Report (Amy Beauregard):**

New format for this meeting to show where we are with expenses & income.

Overall, budget is in great shape to start the year.

Approval of Treasurers Report: Kaylee Diccico & Natalie Patak

## **Principal's Report- Mr. K**

- 80s Dance Party Walk for Funds incentive tentatively planned for November 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1 hour to an hour and a half per grade
- Conferences are next week
- School is more feeling like routines.
- Everyone is getting ready for Halloween and excited!

## **Staff Report: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers are here! Thank you for being here!**

Thank you for starting off the year on a great foot. They love the theme and t-shirts. Appreciated the coffee cart during Curriculum Day/Night

## Committee Reports

### Fundraising

- **Spirit Grams – Fran Pace**
  - Boo Grams will be a next year program due to some timing challenges.
  - Looking into other grams (national kindness day, national friend day)
  - Ojibwa characteristics (PICK)
  - Birthday Grams have been coming in slow, but steady.
- **Art to remember – Michelle Vigneau**
  - Projects should be done within the next week or so.
  - Will just need them submitted and in time order for holiday gifting.
- **Walk for FUNds – Michelle Vigneau**
  - Overall, event was a success! The kids had a great time earning their bracelets. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers! Things ran very smoothly.
  - **Total Raised: \$33,125 – THANK YOU FAMILIES!!! Biggest W4F to date!**
    - Online Donation Usage Fees (\$4,937.25) + 15% Donor Credits (\$3,212.25) = Net of \$31,190
    - Outstanding expenses:
      - Student incentives
        - Hoot Tickets will be distributed during school soon so they can be used on the upcoming Hoot Carts.
      - Classroom prizes (Ms. Verstraete, Ms. Meredith, Ms. Geck)
      - Lunch w/Mr. K (150 students)
      - Super Star Pledge Surprise
      - 80s Dance Party
    - 50% of students registered online, which is the highest we have had! The teachers helping to communicate more definitely kept a drumbeat going.
      - 41% of students raised at least \$10 or more (apx 269); average raised is \$125 with those that had a page and shared it.
      - 14 Super Star Fundraisers of \$400 or more.
    - Have begun researching other possible platforms for next year to be more engaging and encourage registration and hopefully fundraising.
    - Will try to drive more school wide goals and classroom goals for continued excitement for the students. Ideas in place for March is Reading Month (which will be Super Mario themed)!

### Enrichment

- **Book fair – Nichole Hayes & Fran Pace**
  - Parent shopping during conference
  - Student Shopping is during the day. Students must have cash or EWallet to shop during the school day.

- Parent Volunteers are full for student shopping and evening shopping. Any parents still needing a background check that is underway and Ms. Isied are working to complete this.
- All funds raised are given back to Ojibwa in the form of Scholastic Dollars to use to purchase new books for the students in the Media Center.

### **Social**

- Bowling Event (Angel Kizy) (November 5th) – Imperial Lanes, Flyers were sent home earlier this week. \$18 per person.
  - Online purchasing only via Square
  - Sign Up Genius for lane sign ups sent out once purchasing window is closed.
  - Raffle ticket door prizes TBD.
  - Cosmic Bowling is planned, but it is up to Imperial Lanes.
- Santa Shop (Michelle Vigneau) – attending an expo this week, scheduled for the first week of December.

### **Old Business:**

- Poster Maker has arrived. We will need to purchase a new computer or acquire through the district. Will review with Mr. K and Ms. Paglia on possible solutions. The computer is over \$750 and with so many desktop computers around the building, it seems like we should be able to leverage one to save on costs to load the Poster Maker software onto.
- Safe – looking for one with a key pad to make it easier to use. One parent recommends one she uses at Dakota and we are looking into this kind. Ideally, this could be purchased through the district account to save on taxes.

### **New Business**

- January 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Science Night w/Ann Arbor Hands On Museum – free event for families!
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Ball at Tinas Country House; DJ & Photobooth is booked.

**Motion to Adjourn: Fran Pace at 8:02 PM**

**Next PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, November 14th