

PTO Meeting 10/10/2023 6:30 pm  
Raymond Elementary

**Attendees:**

Laura Hutchins, Missy Hartwell, Katy Shelly, Dawnyale Weber, Elena King, Jess Carmin, Sara Miller

Welcome and Introductions:

Treasurer's Report:Cecily/ Jess Carmin-

- Transactions reviewed. Discussed donation distributions from mum sales. Final numbers from book fair not available at time of meeting. Also reviewed expenses paid out in previous month.
- Still working on getting online banking set up going forward.

Principles Update: Erica Sypek was not able to attend the meeting so Sara Miller provided the principal update:

**1. 10/9 Busing Issue**

- a. We are working on streamlining the communication process for unforeseen Issues with transportation. Yesterday there was a miscommunication with the building, district office, and transportation. Unfortunately, the message only went to bus 42 families, via the district. We own that mistake.
  - b. In the future, if we learn of additional delays we will send a message to families saying " Bus \_\_\_\_ will be delayed" to all families. Unfortunately, we will not be able to specify the timing.
- Additional suggestion was made to also use Remind for communication to parents.

**2. Playground**

- a. We are hoping to have the new equipment installed by the first week in November.

**3. Student Resource Officer**

- a. We will likely have a School Resource Officer in the building starting the first week in November. As soon as I confirm the start date I will send communication to families.

**5. Veteran's Day Assembly**

- a. November 9th
- b. Will start at approximately 10:10
- c. Information forthcoming and will be open to Raymond families

## Old Business:

Book Fair:: Erin: Erin was not able to attend - Laura read a bookfair recap prepared by Erin. Dollar amt earned is not available yet. We have \$333 scholastic money to use by Nov. 5th. Erin asked Erica to pass along to teachers that if they have any requests, we may be able to accommodate that with those funds. We won't be able to use that money for one school/one book as they prolly won't know what book they want yet. Will purchase books for the library and for prizes throughout the year.

- Sara will confirm the next round of conference dates as 2/7-2/16.
- Discussed round up more - negative feedback from both students and parents. Kids felt cheated. Round up needed to communicate better/clearer. Voted not to do it again.

### Food Trucks - Missy

- \$105 was made off of food trucks. Both vendors were happy with the turn out
- Positive feed back from families.
- Voted to have food trucks at next round of conferences also - Missy will line these up.

### Homecoming parade: Missy

- 7 families participated
- Nelson Roofing pulled trailer / trailer and hay bales were donated.
- PTO bought some candy and families provided some of the candy.
- Families need to be notified farther in advance for better turnout/participation

### School Supply Kits- Laura

- Voted YES to offer school supplies kits again next year using same company.

## New Business

### Der Dutchman Fundraiser- Dawnyale/Jess/Cecily

- Sale starts 10/16 and ends 10/30 - info to go home 10/13 since no school on 10/16
- Pricing discussed and finalized
- Prizes determined for Top seller in school, Top selling class, and Top selling student in each class
  - Top Seller in School: Student +1 friend ride in fire truck courtesy Liberty Township Fire Dept
  - Top Seller for each class: Remote control car races in gym

- Top selling class: Laura will reach out to Marysville Police Dept/Sheriff's office to see if they are able to do something for students

#### Fall Fest

- Voted to give \$50 gift cards to Ron Schilling, AJ Owens and Fruit Truck Smoothie as a thank you for donating their time and talents to help w/ Fall Fest.
- Reviewed items to be set up for fall fest and items still needed. Sara Miller stated her and Sherri would man the Spirit Wear station. Jess and Katie finalizing plans for face painting station.
- Suggestion to look into electronic payment options such as PayPal and having QR code for people to scan and pay
- Missy still trying to touch base w/ Mosiers regarding hot dog & bun donation. Suggestion also made to reach out to Burns Beef for hot dogs
- Set up for Fall Fest will start around 3pm / Ron Schilling will arrive closer to 5 w/ wagon and horses. Volunteers are still needed.

#### New Fundraising Idea- Laura

- The PTO has received a few suggestions for different fundraising ideas.
  - Little Ceaser Pizza Kits
  - Kids Artwork - turned into Christmas ornament
    - It was stated that this is something the art department usually looks into.
  - Tiny House Vintage - custom ornaments - Katy Shelly will contact boutique for additional fundraising information
  - Texas Roadhouse / cookie dough

#### Courtyard Improvements - Erica

Erica was not at the meeting - Sara Miller filled in and provided the following information:

- **Kindness Garden**
  - The district has given approval to seek grants to transform the courtyard. The district is willing to help with the cost of the door, but we will need to secure additional funding. The project will take roughly 1,500-3,000 depending on the direction we go.
    - Raised Beds- Produce could go to the church next store for their lunches.
    - Bench or Picnic Table
    - Mulch
    - Plants/ Flowers
    - Grass– We will need to think about how to cut it
    - Plywood Mural, to cover the lower windows?
  - We will reach out to Dutch Mill
    - Need help to figure out the type of plants

- Mr. Crozier has started to tear out the large bushes and will clean up as much as possible. We would love to add this to the PTO's beautification day.

#### Spring Flower Sales - Laura

- Further discussion needed - if we are proceeding w/ flower sales contract needs signed this month
  - Fortemeyer family at Raymond now - go with them? Go with diff co?

#### Glow Dance-

- Sherri sent email to PTO and suggested Date change for Glow Dance. Current date is the day before Spring Break and teachers will want to head out
  - Discussion tabled for now, but agreed to look at alternate date.

#### Bus Driver Appreciation-

- Voted to make small appreciation gift for drivers and support staff in transportation office - 5 people total
  - Laura will make flier and purchase candy
  - Jess and Missy will put together bags

#### Other Topics -

- Super With Santa - Sara Miller volunteered to take care of crafts

Next meeting 11/14- 6:30 pm.

Motion to end meeting Jess and seconded by Dawnyale