

PTO Meeting 9/12/2023 6:30 pm
Raymond Elementary

Attendees:

Laura Hutchins, Dawnyale Weber, Erica Sypeck, Katie Moran, Missy Hartwell, Jennifer Hobbs, Katy Shelly, Kristi Schulze, Erin Abele, Adrienne Greene, Jamie Mathew, Elena King, Jess Carmin

Welcome and Introductions:

Treasurer's Report: Cecily/ Jess Carmin-

August transaction reports reviewed. Discussed donation distributions from mum sales, funds earned from supply kits, (\$1 per kit), reviewed upcoming expenses on report for all new members and attendees. The estimated year end balance is not correct on the current projected budget- this needs to be updated and needs to factor in the income

Principles Update: Popsicles with the Principal at the school open house were successful.

Playground installation with most likely be completed in November

Mrs. Sypeck is looking into a grant from Scotts to create a kindness garden/update existing garden. Adrienne Greene informed her that the previous garden was donated by Scotts and there was a certain timeframe in which you were eligible for another grant.

Transportation issues will likely affect field trips. Bus drivers may not be available to take students out on trips. There was discussion of possibly bringing "field trips" to the students or using the field trip funds for extra assemblies.

Old Business:

Open House: Laura: PTO information was provided to parents
Kindergarten signing event/table was successful

BooHoo Breakfast & Welcome back teacher breakfast - Laura/Jess/Missy/Cecily
Waffle bar for teachers (Teachers loved this)

Stock the Lounge: Missy-

Missy stocked the lounge. The lounge was given much overdue fresh white paint. Missy is looking into having a local artist paint a mural and having comfortable chairs brought in. We will bring fresh snacks into the lounge monthly

School Supply Kits and Eda's Dine to Donate- Laura
37 supply kits sold/\$37 dollars made for school

Eda's Dine to Donate - \$200 profit.

Discussion of having more dine to donates; Walking Distance brewery/Giovannies
Discussed having more dine to donate because it's an easy profit. Can we have them right after school, some for dinner in the township parking lot? Missy is going to look into the availability of different food trucks, logistics (where would they park, what time would they come), and profits made

Kindergarten Shirts- Missy

2023 is an "off year" so only the kindergarten students get a newly designed Raymond t-shirt. All new students get a t shirt with last years design. We had 51 kindergarten t-shirts provided

New Business

Mums Fundraiser and Pick up Details- Laura

654 mums sold- \$3,300 in sales. Pick up will be 9/21 at the township bldg. Sign up genius posted on facebook page. We have 8 volunteers already signed up. Mrs. Garrison's room won the most classroom sales for the school. They earned a popsicle party and "chalk the walk". Mrs. Garrison also wins a \$100 scholastic gift card. Ellie Abele won highest seller for the school and gets to have a silly string fight with the principal and four friends.

Homecoming parade- Missy 9/20

Raymond will have a trailer. Still need to confirm who is providing the trailer. We are also looking for hay bales for kids to sit on in the trailer/Chaperone walkers, and candy to throw.

Kids who had top sales in the classrooms will be asked to sit on the float. If we are unable to get enough riders from mum winners, we will then ask readathon winners to ride

Book Fair (9/27 start- 10/5) Erin Abele

A sign up genius will go out to get volunteers to help run the fair. Any parent who volunteers for the fair gets \$8 scholastic dollars to spend.

Teachers who win different prizes for school fundraising get scholastic dollar money and new classroom teachers get \$250 to use anytime this school year. Teachers will get a preview of the book fair and get an ewallet for the class or get to pull books aside for parents to buy the classroom a book.

Erin asked for 3 new table cloths to cover book fair tables. This was approved.

Discussion on how we can get funds or gift certificates to children who can't afford to buy their own books. "You were caught reading:" certificate was given as an idea. The office currently helps provide books for the students who cannot afford to buy their own. The exact process of how this works is still being discussed.

Erin asked to start using the round up feature at book fairs. If a student owes \$5.50, we would round up to \$6.00. This would go to a fund for the school to buy scholastic books. We could use the round up money to buy books for students. It was approved to use the round up feature.

Conference night meals- Elena King

Preference to order meals from a restaurant over potluck. This will streamline the dinner process for teachers. They only have approximately 15 minutes to eat during conference nights. We will use Stir Fresh September 27th and Panera October 5th. Volunteers are not needed for this event, Elena will pick up and distribute the meals.

Dine to Donate was offered as a suggestion for future conference nights. We could potentially have someone run teacher orders to the food truck and pick them up. It would also create a fundraiser on site for the school and help parents with dinner after conferences.

Fall Fest- 10/19 5-7 pm

Free family event for the entire school (hayrides, smoothie truck, hot dogs, s'mores, photo booth, bounce house). Leo club will volunteer at this event to help with activities. Teachers have typically helped in the past with serving food. A sign will go up for teachers to volunteer for this event. Parents will be needed to set up and clean up. A sign up genius will be created. A face painter was suggested as an additional activity.

Spirit wear online store- Missy-

Store opening after fall fest. We are trying to liquidate our current t-shirt supply before moving to an online store. Discussion of a potential art contest to create a new design for Raymond shirts. Spirit wear sales have always been highest in the beginning of the year and holiday time. We've had our current inventory for a few years now and have run out of certain sizes. The online store would eliminate this issue. The \$3,000s reported for school shirts is not accurate, it is much lower as we only provided shirts for new students and kindergarteners.

Playground Upgrade- gaga pit- \$154 needed for new plastic guards. Approved by PTO

Next meeting 10/10- 6:30 pm.

Motion to end meeting Jess and seconded by Missy