

PTO Minutes for the Monday August 31, 2015 Meeting

Attendance:

Meghan Baranski, Connie Thornton, Wendy George, Jamie Newman, Mardi Bowlin, Kristi Porter, Anna Risinger, Steph Armbrust, Jennifer Brown, Zabrina Starnes, Chris Self, Nicole Marshall, Levy and Audri Cantrell, Laura Pennel, Nicole Lovett, Michelle Veronie, Karen Orr

- President's Notes

- New officers were introduced to parents and teachers.
- Brief explanation of what the PTO does and what the goals are for the year. Focusing on Fundraising and Volunteers.

-Committee Reports

- Shoparoo- Meghan gave a detailed explanation of how it works and showed the app on her phone. She reported that Checks are on the way. It was discussed that another flyer may be sent out for those parents who still were not aware of it.

-LES earned \$126.87 and PES earned \$288.83 last year! PES has already earned \$10 this year and LES is on their way to their first \$5.

-Boxtops/Soup Labels- Audri Cantrell will be coordination Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels. She is also collecting pop can tabs. Jamie Newman volunteered to deliver those to Children's Mercy Hospital.

-Audri reported that checks from those companies are coming soon. She also stated that November 1st is the deadline for the first collection and it is helpful if the box top labels are in bundles of 50.

-Parent/Teacher Survey Results- The surveys came back indicating that there is a great interest in keeping the gardens/grounds looking nice. Some of the other interests for different fundraiser ideas were: Movie/game night, Carnival, Catalogue gifts, Flower bulbs, Change for the Better and Jr Kaw T-shirts.

-Other fundraising ideas from the meeting were Math/Spelling/Reading fundraisers (that have been done in the past), "Flocking", Pre-packaged School Supplies, Silent Auction, selling merchandise at events.

- Nicole Lovett is looking into a new t-shirt design and Zabrina Starnes is looking into designing School decals.

- Scholastic Book Fair- Meghan stated that volunteers would be needed for that.

-Picaboo Yearbook- Gordon from Picaboo presented some different options to consider going forward for ordering yearbooks. He also shared information on a new phone app that will allow those who take pictures on their cell phone to submit photos to possibly be used in the yearbook.

-Teacher's Note

-Jennifer Brown thanked PTO for her birthday candy.

- Teachers are very thankful for large purchases/electronics for the classroom but could really use small reimbursement money to buy items such as snacks and school supplies as they are needed throughout the year. A survey will be sent out to teachers to see what kind of supplies they would like.

-Principal's Note

- The school year is going good so far.

- There was a great turnout for Sneak Peek night (almost 100%) and about 40% turnout for the Back to School night.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 6:30PM PES COMPUTER ROOM.