

## **PTO meeting 9/12/22**

### **Introduction Alex, President**

**Treasurer's report, Walt:** Current balance \$9,721.37 PBIS allocation: \$1K last year allocated, ended up using \$400ish- should we roll the \$629.50 over to this year? Per discussion with Principal Maine, we will assess what is needed and decide how much of the remaining funds should be allocated.

Briefly touched on various ways we can raise money for the school. Holiday fair fundraiser- biggest event usually. Walk through and kids buy stuff. Silent auction- will be online again this year. Santa, bake sale, raffle.

Usually use funds to provide for field trips etc, spring picnic, game night, reading night Amazon smile, Box tops app, opportunities to easily raise money for the school

Last year, there was a surplus of funds that wasn't used that is now leftover, not sure how much is left.

Motion to approve: John, Second: Kari

### **Principal's report via zoom: Maggie Maine**

This is her 5th year as an administrator in elementary schools.

Amazing staff and kids! Thank you parents and PTO for all you do.

Smoothest start to any school year, school is a well-oiled machine. Celebrating homecoming week (Central HS). Morning assembly every Monday 10-15 minutes, kids enjoyed it and sang! Big focus is re-booting the PBIS program, in year 10 of implementing. Problem solving, conflict resolution. Focusing on meeting students where they are and on growth. SEL- social emotional learning curriculum. We have 100% participation from our teaching staff! Looking for ideas for family engagement dollars.

Alex won \$250 for southern bluffs because he's a good golfer- idea was to go toward a GAGA pit, which a lot of students would love to have.

Holiday fundraiser- Alex reaching out to sports teams currently. Explained the general gist to everyone. Basket portion online, run this portion ahead of the event. Holiday fair will be Saturday December 3rd from 9-12:00. Build baskets by November 11th. Historically, the holiday fundraiser is the main way that the PTO raises money. Bake sale, ornaments, "kid land", online auction. Teacher giving tree- for all classrooms.

Will try to pay for the Spring picnic again this year.

**DWP- Alicia Place:** District Wide Parent meeting- 2nd Tuesday of the month, superintendent speaks, then directors of elementary and secondary education give updates. Group comes in and presents on a topic. Parents are able to share what PTOs are doing from schools across the district. Let us know if you are interested in joining. At 7:30, virtual platform. Alicia Place.

Question came up about nutrition- comes out of the district of nutrition. No sugar or protein requirement for breakfasts.

**Steps for Swings fundraiser, Kara:** I gave a brief update on the fundraiser. We have approximately \$5,500 raised so far (\$8,800 as I'm writing this, 9/17), which is pretty good considering that we have not even had the kickoff yet. Our goal is \$35K. While we should save approximately \$3K since building/grounds is willing to do the site prep, the PTO is fronting approximately that amount for shirts and prizes. The kickoff will be 9/22 in the morning, I have prepared an assembly that should be fun and engaging for the kids. Hopefully, this will encourage those students who are not yet registered to remind their parents to please

sign them up. We really need kids to be registered so we can get their t-shirt sizes to place the order. Also, this is how they will be able to get donations easily from anywhere in the country (or world, actually). A question was raised about cash donations. I had included an alert on the school's fundraiser webpage explaining how to do this. Students will be able to bring cash or check in a SEALED envelope each Thursday from 9/29 through 10/20. Teachers will collect these, and then I will enter them manually into each child's account, so they will get credit for these donations. Any cash or check is not subject to the 15% fee that is placed on the online donations. Also- it came to my attention that there is a 3 year old playgroup class this year (I didn't know about this). We are including them in the fundraiser, and I have since added that classroom to the fundraiser. At the time I'm writing this (9/17), we have hit 50% for students registered. Principal Maine placed a call on Thursday to families reminding them to register. We also send home a flyer including the QR code.

Next meeting is October 17th, normally the third Monday of the month at 6:30.

**Attendees:**

Leah Herlache  
Sarah McNeilly  
Vanessa Alves  
Jacqueline Weisse  
Patti Volk  
Kate Smith  
Alicia Place  
John Parkyn  
Walt Szymanski  
Stephanie Umberger  
Alex Powell  
Kara Seiffert  
Kari

Maggie Maine- via zoom  
Kristin Damstra- via zoom  
Danielle Root via zoom

Submitted by Kara Seiffert