

November 14th meeting minutes

I. Welcome Call to order at 6:01 pm by Katie Mikesh

II. Minutes Review and approve minutes from the September meeting Motion to approve by Mary, Second by Kari Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Balance: \$26,009.22
- \$441 under budget so far
- Classroom allotments: 25% used
- Fun Run
 - Donations received: \$6869.11 (last year was \$7663)
 - \$725.83 under budget (including sponsorships)

IV. Old Business

- Fall Festival & Fun Run recap- Fun run went well- made \$800.00 less. Lots of people showed up to cheer on, not a great volunteer turn out. Was mostly PTO members. Kids had a lot of fun and everyone loved the shirts.
- Fall Fest- Yum Yum loves coming to our events and wants to come back again. Well attended. People liked the simplicity, liked the shorter time limit, and it felt like a really fun giant playdate. Some leftover apples but not a ton. Candy was a good idea. Keep the events together, people seem to love it.
- October playdate-not well attended
- Teacher potluck recap went well, used the cafeteria, great amount of food and not much leftovers. Many thanks from the teachers. Idea was brought up to do just a meal and have people bring the fixings, i.e. tacos
- Other- New APPT conferences- parents enjoyed- funded through spfe- we funded snacks-next conferences Jan and April
- Thoughts on how PTO could help support the testing for the new conference style

V. New Business

- Playdate brainstorming-movie night(popcorn or RB Floats), board game night(would need someone to help facilitate) and hot cocoa, try outdoors obstacle course, sledding event (need waivers?) a permit would need to be pulled for anything in the school. Change the wording to make it more just a hang out and not obligated to talk to PTO.
- Landed on board games, yard games and snacks-A Friday in February-talk more at the next meeting
- Hmong New Year-From family engagement, event will be 5:30-7:30 Dec. 15th in the gym. We are planning to use the budget allotted by

PTO. We are working on what foods and getting quotes from vendors. Possibly ask classrooms to bring things, cookies, water, etc. We will be putting together a sign up later asking for volunteers. Teachers have been asked to sign up to do crafts in their classrooms to help decorate the school. There will be student performances, food and games/activities EDL Plus taught by MorChia and Padmini- students learning dances. Art gallery and photo booth out at the event.

- Website- updates from Adrienne, October Stats:
 - 53 views, 26 visitors
 - 33 views of “Welcome to the PTO!” page
 - 11 views of “About the PTO” page
 - 3 views of “Blog Posts” page
- Nokomis Gear- updates Katie fun run shirts are up on the website,

VI. Teacher requests

None

VII. Upcoming PTO Dates

Hmong New Year December 15th

VIII. Principal Updates

Rounded up conferences- great turnout and 100% attendance by teachers who have reported so far

School choice fair December 9th at the RiverCentre-looking for parents to come talk

Enrollment opens after that and Feb 3rd is the deadline to apply.

Budget updates- a lot of moving pieces- all covid money needs to be spent this school year. Trying to project huge cuts going into next year. Biggest thing is the mandates around sped and el services not always fully funded

Positive note- our enrollment has been projected to decline but our enrollment was better than projected. Hoping that this will continue and our enrollment will get better. Nov. 16 next budget engagement session at Humboldt

Our enrollment- a little under 300, Still some PreK and 1st graders on waitlist

Next business meeting: January 9th 6-7 via google meet