

PTG Meeting: September 12th 2019

Attending: Jessica Basta, Cathy Tilkins, Gina Brandano, Joelle Hendry, Kira Carinci, Rachael Kelley, Jana Weiland, Samantha Peter, Christy Parker, Wes Balcom, Sharon Ellis, Julia Van Ness, Gabrielle Miele

Meeting brought to order by Jessica at 6:05 pm
Welcome and introductions made

Principal's Report: Presented by Joelle Hendry

- Off to a good start the first week of school
- This Summer the school purchased and installed a sensory floor in the services hallway, towards district office. It's for Occupational therapy, physical therapy and random breaks for the kids. It was partially donated by the schools insurance company.
- 5th grade has 31st annual conservation days at Selkirk shores, Merry Go Round Play House is coming and also the Hovercraft project is on October 4th.

Teacher Rep Report: Presented by Rachael Kelley

Mr. Trowbridge requested teacher mini grant for conservation day - \$1 admission. Also \$1 for ice cream day. Possible miscommunication - kids were asked to bring in \$1. Funding \$2 and having kids return \$1 back home.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jana Weiland

- Ended last school year with a total fundraising of \$12,728.57, original goal of \$12,650.00.
- Expenses, we budgeted for \$13,350.00 and only used \$5,998.00 which created a surplus of \$7,351.00. Check book balance of \$25,610.17
- Spent \$11,000 on chrome books to be donated to school.
- Also purchased Magnets for incoming students, Pre k and K.
- Current checkbook balance \$9,429.24

New budget -

-Officers met in August to discuss cuts and expenses

-Box tops decreased to \$500.00

-Cherry Dale lowered to \$1,500.00/Yankee Candle at \$2,000.00

-Raffle calendar increased to \$1,500.00

-School shirt sale reduced to \$300.00

-Cut bingo marathon, moved donations to line 9. It's hard to be guaranteed a spot through the legion.

- Mini photo sessions fall and spring, 2 photographers and 2 price points
- Craft night budget increased to \$2,000.00, always successful. Adding more nights, looking for craft night help
- Square one art increased to \$1,750.00
- Bushel and a peck and corporate donations for people who do not wish to purchase through fundraisers, reduced to \$1,000.00
- Color run reduced a little to \$1,000.00 mainly due to t-shirt company, working on finding a new printer
- Adding 2 new fundraisers this year, Penny wars and child care night

Expenses:

- Cut morning program. School doesn't fund it so future discussion on adding it back in next year when supplies run out.
- Pulaski pride shirts used for field trips and Olympics, \$2,000.00
- Classroom field trips decreased to \$3,500.00 due to less students enrolled in the district this year.
- Teacher mini grants decreased to \$50 from \$75 so we can focus on other initiatives
- Administration appreciation day at the end of the year
- Backpack program provided for students that need food on long breaks and weekends
- Student recognition, 5th celebration shirts
- End of the year Ice cream. Blew the budget due to cafeteria staff no longer picking up half the expenses. Changing this year, it was too difficult for teachers to manage the ice cream truck, will be picking out ice cream during lunch instead. \$1 per child so about \$430 depending on enrollment numbers. Looking into exact number.
- Spring free events reduced to \$100.00 if needed for gym night or other expenses.
- Membership and recruitment appreciation cut but would like to add back in eventually.

New business

- Child care - Kendyll green is a senior in early childhood program offered to do the whole year. She's looking to earn senior credit hours.
- Cherry dale and yankee candle flyers led by Christy. Packets going home 9/27, coming back October 15th. We mail them out by the 21st with delivery date of 11/18 in time for parent/teacher conferences. Need to set date for flyer distribution, 25th or 26th of September and a count date. Cathy offered to help Christy. Cherry dale went bankrupt we are now paying for brochures, profit will change.
- 1st craft night organized by Kate Mulligan and Jessica, Wes and Sharon and Gina offered help depending on time and date. End of October Time frame 15th or 22nd - Jessica is double checking with Kate
- Apparel sale, need to research printing companies. Holy Shirt, Papa sports, Brewerton Special Tees are a few options. Needed for Pulaski Pride Shirts, color run shirts, 5th

grade celebration shirts and apparel sale. Sam, Rachael and Jessica spearheading. Rachael will get sizes for class shirts.

- Fall mini photo session. Wes is taking the lead, she will contact Julie and give a report next meeting. Spring Mini session, Gina is heading.
- Box tops has new app, online scanning and we've made \$13.40 so far. Pay out is twice a year and In April we made \$244.90. Sending one more page home and Attach a half sheet with more info with cut off dates. They will accept them until the date on the box top but they are no longer producing paper box tops. Cathy is creating letter.
- Penny wars, new fundraiser headed by Wes. Each grade level Gain points by adding pennies, can lower points of opposing teams by adding silver. Pick a timeframe, use gallon water jugs or piggy banks. Possibly ask Savi to donate a pizza to the winning class. Banks in town willing to donate their counting coin machine. Different buckets for different coins so they don't need to be separated. Not until February, date TBD
- Another new addition, Parent night out in December. Discuss details as it gets closer. Gym night maybe or Christmas movie night? Parents can Drop kids for 2 hours and go shop or wrap presents. Will need lots of volunteers. Cathy volunteered. Nikole will find out who runs the Haunted Hang out and Kids Night Out for more details on how they run it.
- Pulaski pride shirts, Rachel is handling numbers. Talk to the printer about stragglers that we always have in the spring for Pulaski Pride shirts and how much that will cost.
- Parent recruitment, a meet and greet like Pastry's with the PTG? Needing more help on specific nights like events and counting. Sign up sheet at open house, possible raffle prize for signing up. Jessica sending out sign up sheet for manning the PTG table at open house, 5-10 min intervals. Sharon Ellis offered to man it for a longer stretch.
- Need to discuss in the future adding more gym and movie nights, we can discuss at a later meeting
- Meeting with Mr. Jennings to learn about adding PTG stuff to the website, Cathy volunteered to do it
- Working with Rachael to inform teachers that the Teacher mini grant decreased to \$50 with an April deadline and they won't be reviewed until January. It was \$75 last year due to a surplus that we don't have this year because we purchased chrome books. Also changing field trip guidelines so they are used just for field trips - not end of year parties. Rachael is sending an email to teachers. Pre-k will be exempt to the rule due to age and bussing difficulty.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10th at 6 pm

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm

Submitted by Samantha Peter, Secretary

