

Meeting Minutes
Ordway Elementary PTO
December 4th, 2023, 6:00 PM
Ordway Library

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Attendees: Christina Cielusniak, Jill Anderson, Natasha Chang, Ignacio Cabezudo, Becky Walliman, Sydney Bond, Gillian McDonald, Maribel Gordon, Maggie Kizer, Lynette Davidson, Kaushik Veeraragmavan, Leah Leicester, Monica Gerlach, Jennifer Campbell, Dr. Dunn
On Zoom: Cassandra, Heidi, Amanda Lowell, David

Call to order

Land Acknowledgment

Review minutes from November Meeting - will get approval via email

Principal's Report

1. Impact on kids of changes (school closures) on their learning research with Adriana
 - a. Impacts boys more (can take 6 months to adjust)
 - b. Finland supports smaller schools
 - c. Staff is very concerned

Officers' Reports

- a. President
 - i. PTOCC Meeting - 12/7 @ Blakely (Jennifer)
 - ii. BISD Budget & school closure - brief here, more discussion tonight at 7:00
 - iii. PTO Calendar December
 - a. Family Night Out 12/14 – rescheduling due to conflict with school board meeting
 - b. Treasurer (Bob) – Sydney reported #'s from Bob email \$36500 (after subtracting pending expenses)
- i. Teacher Grants (Ignacio)
 - 2 Grants have been approved and sent
 - #1 \$1247 for Happy Numbers for 1st Grade
 - #2 \$1073 for Happy Numbers for 2nd grade

Total Left

- ii. Fall Fundraising Report (Becky) At \$26000 of 65000 goal only 25% of families have contributed; room parents are being contacted to help push grant raising. Outdoor ed is being pushed, thought is that parents don't want to donate given the lack of understanding of what's going on with school. Holidays are a normal slowdown time Targeted push in February planned, possible jog-a-thon? Parents already involved have already made contributions. One core group of families is doing most of the heavy lifting. Monthly donations total for the rest of the school year \$4000ish
- c. Secretary (Katrina / Ignacio)
- d. Volunteer Coordinators (Maribel, Alora) No New News
- e. Enrichment Coordinator (Christina)
 - i. Lishu / 4th grade newspaper - status?
Sydney: Lishu plans to reach out to 4th graders in Jan/Feb to start after school newspaper club; PTO to support with funds for supplies as needed

- f. Communications Coordinator
 - i. **We need a new volunteer for this position** Newsletters – Website updates, videos and slides from meetings - doesn't have to be one person, can split duties. Jennifer is doing all of this. All communication MUST be pushed thru communication coordinator, we need this!
 - g. Site Council Representative (Sara) – No Updates meeting has no occurred yet.
 - i. Tap Root assembly, or any others?
 - h. Spanish Immersion Representative (Shelby) No updates
- 2. Committee Reports
 - a. Garden/Sustainability (Sara) TBD when more news on school
 - c. Social Chair (Gillian) – Carnival Committee in need of people, work hasn't started on it yet. We're communicating with the highschool and other schools to make sure we know when they're having events so we don't double up on a night with them.
 - i. Family Nights @ Sister's Cider House
 - ii. Bingo (January?) - probably Feb
 - iii. Carnival - where are we with volunteers & leads for carnival tasks; bring back raffle for parking spot
 - d. They continue to try and refresh
 - e.
- 3. Unfinished/Old Business
- 4. New Business
 - a. Spring Fundraiser - jog-a-thon, or something similar
 - b. Outdoor Ed Fundraiser
- 5. Announcements
- 6. Adjourn

General Information : Reminder that the PTO is a neutral body and does not , will not, and cannot take political positions. The PTO cannot back one plan or another when it comes to school closure , etc.

Sign up sheet for parents who are attending meeting

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