

Ordway Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order September 11th 2023 at 11:40am by Sydney Bond.

In attendance were Amelia Leake, Brittany Wisner, Fauve Gouws, Katie Lesh, Lynette Davidson, Colin Carner, Jodi Fischer, Laura Nelson, Dr. Debra Dunn, Chelsea Loken, Stefanie Baldwin, Ashley S____, Sara Daubenberger, Alora Gale, Shelby Stoner, Corinne Wolffe, Maribel Gordon, Cassandra Marie, Edward Surridge, Christina Cielusniak, Sydney Bond, Bob Black and Katrina Sabatini.

2. The land acknowledgment was read by Katrina.

3. June minutes were not reviewed

4. The principal report was given by Dr.Dunn. They had a great first week. The children were happy to be back and enjoyed picking tomatoes from the garden. A new music teacher was hired, Mark Rice and is doing great with the students. He made a great entry with Star Wars music. Ashley Anderson has been hired as a reading interventionalist. Kathy Dalessi is the special ed teacher that has been hired on. We have new para educators that include Patty Keplinger, Shannon Holtz, Marie Beraldi and Lucia Shaw. We have welcomed an El Velero student teacher, Sara Rellihan. The office is steady with Sarah and Bernadette. Don't hesitate to reach out about issues.

5. BYS shared information about their services offered. Brittany Wisner is the parent services coordinator who spoke about BYS services. They offer mental health services for students and parents. Peer tutoring is available to students by other students who have excelled in certain subjects and are able to tutor their peers. They are able to help younger grades with math facts, reading buddies and help with writing. It's subject based.

Flyers were handed out with BYS information. Laura is the peer tutoring organizer.

Raising resilience support groups for parents are starting in the fall and will run again in the winter.

There is a trivia night fundraiser coming up September 30th. It is their main fundraiser that helps support BYS programs.

6. Officer Reports

a.) President

Sydney discussed the role of the PTO president and what PTO does to enrich life for students of Ordway.

- i. Sydney made a motion to swear in Jennifer Campbell as co president. Katrina second that motion. Sydney made a motion to swear in Maribel Gordon as volunteer coordinator. Bob second the motion.
- ii. Back to school night is Wednesday 9/13. 2nd/3rd grade is at 5:15pm. K/1st/4th grade is at 6:30pm. The Boys and Girls Club will provide childcare for school-aged children.
- iii. PTO Calendar

Parent night is 9/28 at Sisters Cider House

PTO CC meeting is 10/5 at the Ordway Library

Pumpkin Patch Day 10/5 at Suyematsu Farm. A discount will be offered to Ordway students wearing otter gear.

Unity Day will be coming up

Boo Bash would like to be planned again with a volunteer committee

Bingo Night w/ social committee

Pac Sci Day "Blood and Guts" assemble will come with a human brain as the "big get". Will need volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming PTO meetings will be decided. Will work on days. Alternates day/evening.

- iv. Otterwear gear forms were sent out via email. 9/22 will be the hard deadline for orders. Payment must be cash/check. A new option is the long-sleeved shirt. A deadline will not be offered. If we qualify for a discount, it will be returned to the PTO. Scholarships for otterwear are available and Sarah Dunstan is the point of contact for that. Scholarships are only available for long and short sleeve t shirts. PTO would like to offer staff some.

b. Treasurers Report

Bob shared the report. Funds are to enrich students. The narrative are the last few years have been impeded due to covid. Emerging back to normal last school year. We had a sizable reserve. Last year we tried to come up with how to utilize funds. Budget was handed out to review. Individual staff grants go to allocations for teachers. Becky will elaborate more. Bob will answer questions via email. The bottom line is we are getting to the point where reserves go down to a more reasonable level to the budget. The amount is set by bylaws (\$2,000). We have around \$35,000. We attracted a lot of generosity from the community. If we want to deviate, we need to talk about bigger changes.

c. Secretary Report

No report to give for September.

d. Volunteer coordinator

- i. Picture Day volunteers needed to help students with finishing touches.
- ii. PacSci Blood and Guts day needed to help with assemble
- iii. Boo Bash volunteers needed
- iv. Hearing/Vision Screening volunteers
- v. Art room volunteers needed with Mrs.Rodriguez

e.) Enrichment Coordinator Christina gave report.

I. After school enrichment club funds will be allocated for clubs. Budget will be decided after the first quarter to figure it out.

Math-a-thon

The Science and Maker Fair will be tying in teacher help. It will include art; students will be able to make things. It expands from science and will be done the same day to be inclusive for all students.

f. Communications

Will be streamlined primarily through PTO. The Ordway newsletter includes the upcoming events.

g. Site Council Representative

A volunteer for this position is needed. They will be a liaison between teachers and PTO to communicate news from the PTO. They will meet once a month with teachers soon after school lets out.

h. Spanish Immersion Representative _____

They will meet in the library on the second Wednesday of the month. There are some open positions.

i. Library Report

Mrs. Nelson our librarian, shared her report. She said the library looks great and thanked PTO for helping the library stay so nice. She asked PTO about providing tri folds. Volunteers unearthed tri folds in the attic clean up that can be donated. She would like us to promote Math Fest and the Science and Makers Fair in the library. She would like to help guide students through these.

7. Committee Reports

a. Fall Fundraising

b. Garden/Sustainability

Sara shared an update. The garden has an automatic water timer, and it was unanimously agreed upon that the garden looks incredible. There are pumpkins growing in the garden. There are also sunflowers, flowers and tomatoes. The high school life skills club harvests the garden for cooking. We are unable to use what is yielded from the garden for food service due to health code regulations which was brought up.

There is a four week after school program with COBI about sustainability/public transportation.

- i. Climate Pledge Club (smart climate club) volunteers are needed. The club starts at the end of the month.

c. Social Chair

Report was not given.

d. Emergency Preparedness

The zoom link did not work so Chris was unable to share report.

A summarization was given. They are trying to organize the sheds at the schools, so we are prepared in the event of a disaster. This requires funds and resources that are trying to be worked out with the city and school district. Trying to align with other schools.

8. Unfinished/ Old Business

a. Plaques have been installed for the memorial. The basketball hoops have backboards the students are enjoying.

9. New Business was skipped and will follow up at the next meeting.

a. PTO Monthly Meeting Day/Time

b. Bingo Night

c. Parents Night Out Sister's Cider

10. Announcements

No new announcements were made at the meeting.

Sydnee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:49pm. Bob seconded the motion.