

PTO Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2019

Attendees:

Kim Albers, Kristie Mattson, Ed Rogers, Jami Demuth, Tabitha Lightfoot, Morgan Yarker, Helen Royer, Heidi Hora, Bird Gengler, Kari Titus, Tara Dirks, Laurie Montgomery, Kevin Royer, Christine Hunt, Kunal Dutta

Meeting called to order by Heidi Hora.

Introductions:

September PTO meeting minutes approved.

Motion to approve by Tabitha Lightfoot, seconded by Laurie Montgomery.

Principal's Report:

Ed reported that the 4th graders will have their aquatic experience this month, with the 2nd graders going in January 3rd graders in May and 5th graders will have one day at the aquatic center. Monday is no school and teachers will have Professional Development. The elementary schools will have ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experience) training which will enable teachers to identify the connection between student behaviors and traumas. 5th grade LEO students will be going on a field trip to the Hoover Museum. On October 11th, the Cedar Rapids Fire House will come to Westfield to teach Kindergarteners about fire safety. 4th grade LEO students will be taking a field trip to the Linn County Solid Waste Center and Indian Creek Nature Center. October 17th is America Reads Day. October 18th is picture retake day and October 24th is the 5th grade orchestra concert. October 24th is the 4th grade musical. There will be three early out days, November 7th, 14th and 21st for district conferences. Westfield conferences will be held on the 21st and 24th. Dismissal on early out days is 1:30pm.

Old Business:

The Back to School Bash was a success. There was some discussion about possibly having to raise the price of pizza in the future.

Officer's Report:

The "Write One for Westfield" campaign has brought in \$15,060.00 so far this year. Heidi will write up a message that teachers can send out to families as a further push to get to \$16,000.00. A note will be put in the newsletter for those families that need a receipt in order to request a company match to contact the PTO so we can get them a receipt.

There was some discussion about how best to update the PTO email list.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses for the Open House were under budget. Stride for Pride expenses totaled \$363.20 so were slightly over the budgeted amount of \$350. The Kindergarten field trip cost \$525.00. \$238.00 was left over from last year's yearbook.

Committee Chair Update:

Helen has contacted Committee Chairs in order to update our list and identify any committees needing volunteers. Judy Stoffel has ordered food from Java Creek for Conference meals on November 21st. A volunteer sign-up for drinks and desserts will be sent out. Beltone will generously donate \$200 towards conference meals. There was discussion about using Hy-Vee gift cards for the Staff Lunch.

New Business:

Tabitha reported that the sign up for America Reads volunteers on Oct 17th are filling up. The Homecoming Parade will be on Thursday, October 10th beginning at the high school. Participants are asked to meet at the high school parking lot at 4:45pm to begin lining up before the parade starts at 5:15pm.

The next PTO meeting will be held in the Westfield media center on November 5th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Adjourned.