

Ferson Creek Elementary PTO Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, September 13, 2017, 9:30 in the faculty lounge

Meeting Called to Order by President Shannon Puri at 9:34

Introduction of PTO Executive Board: President - Shannon Puri, Vice President – Kathy Murray

Intro of Attendees

Attendance: Shannon Puri, Kathy Murray, Kerrie Martin, Pam Rancour, Principal Dr. Kelly Sculles, Teacher Representative Janya Richardson. There were 14 members in attendance.

Vote for Treasurer – Pam Rancour was voted in as Treasurer

2017/18 Budget – Pam gave highlights of budget line items

- No dues this year – Hopefully Write a Check will be increased to cover
- Budget was approved

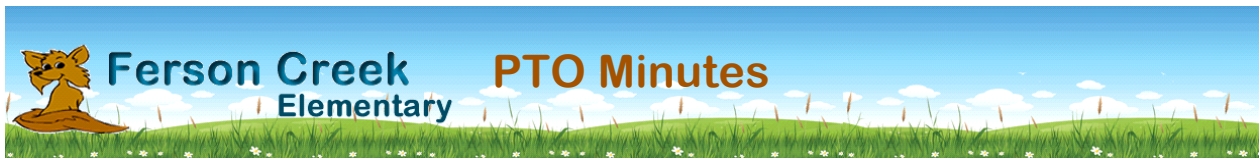
Officers' Reports

President: Shannon Puri

- Directory Spot:
 - Data is cleaned up (5th grade removed)
 - handout going out for families to update info and then we will update it for the school year
 - There is an app and is web based, sorts entire school by last name or by class
 - Currently app displays last year's info, once all forms are collected, we will update with this years info
- Welcome Day Raffle drawing

Intro of Committee Chairs – already introduced.

- Committee chair directory handout given out. Need to fill in a few openings.
- Let Shannon know if interested in volunteering for open positions.
 - We do have a few chairs aging out at the end of the year.
- After School Enrichment (ASE) – time consuming from October – March, but very great for the kids and worth it.
 - Sign up online last year, went pretty well.
 - Free - \$24 various activities from drawing to sewing.



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- Barnes and Noble book fair – need a volunteer to meet with B&N rep, and then needing to market to the parents to get word out. CPK rep is super helpful and happy to work with us. Weekday works better than a Friday or a weekend.
- District PTO – Open
- Boo Bash – Planning is starting now
- Pop Tabs – contemplated discontinuing,
 - Last year we collected 10,000 but only got \$43 for recycling.
 - This year, instead of recycling on our own, we will give them to Ronald McDonald house, they recycle as a mass and get corporate sponsors to match
- Spring Bingo and Silent Auction volunteers - Open
- Volunteer coordinator – Open
 - Someone to find volunteers for open positions and to help run events smoothly
- Yearbook – year long process. Help create yearbook, Need 1-2 more volunteers to get people to take photos and submit, as well as help setup pages for yearbook

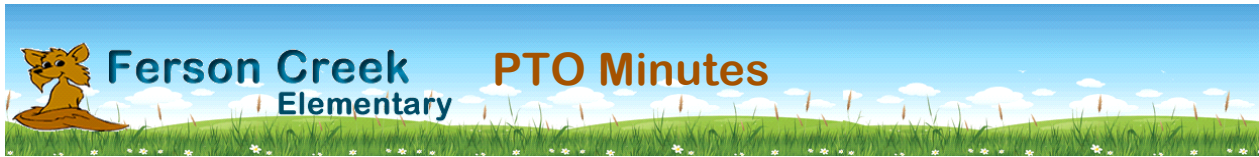
PTO Fund Allocation:

- Teachers will receive checks within the next few weeks, to use for classroom needs.
 - Receipts will be turned in afterwards.

Committee Reports

WAC – Treasurer

- Donations for the annual Write-A-Check Campaign (WAC) continues through September 29. So far up to \$2300,
 - No dues this year for PTO,
 - 473 families in the district. Budgeting \$15 per family
 - Some people haven't realized that there are not dues this year, maybe promote that more



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Mums – Shannon Puri, Julie Baier

- Shady Hill Nursery provides mums for sale. Community is encouraged to promote sale.
 - The last day to order is September 14 and
 - Pick-up is on September 21 from 9:00-12:00 outside the Kindergarten rooms.

Spirit Wear – Ashlee Murphy, Kerrie Martin

- Online store is open
- Email going out this week to promote store.
- Orders may be placed through 9/30

Restaurant Nights – Tina Koral, Kerrie Martin

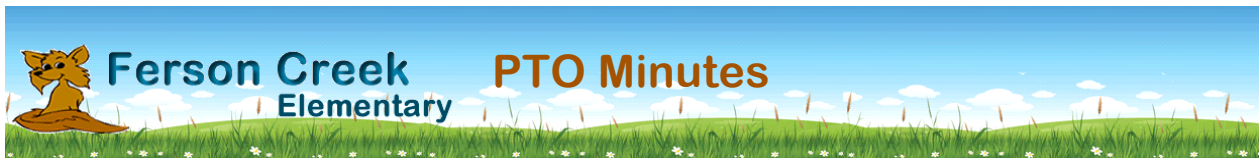
- The first restaurant night will be on 9/20 at McAlisters on Randall Road in Geneva
 - 10:30 – 9:00pm
 - 20% of proceeds will go back to Ferson.
 - Must show flyer to be included in the fundraiser.

Boo Bash Fall Festival – Darron Weasler, Liz Holcomb, Tom and Kathy Hodge

- October 21, 5:00 - 8:00 pm.
- Planning is starting tonight at Panera at 7pm, we need lots of help
- The Boo Bash committee will be working hard to plan the event including Haunted Hall theme, types of activities and games, and organization and management of the facilities at Ferson. The ultimate goal remains to host an event that is fun for kids and families in a safe environment.

Principal's Report -Kelly Sculles

- This month was busy, each level is working on assessment
- K is working on a new assessment. Teachers went to a new training/assessment center. Within first 40 days, all K students need to be assessed to get observations in. Also doing beginning early literacy assessments. All students took a baseline to see where students were at coming into K.
- 1st grade looking at how they string letters together
- 2nd grade looking at reading fluency
- Classroom teachers 1-5 administering on demand writing assessments. Narrative writing and scoring together to use info to support instruction planning
- 1-5 grades reading assessments of new students vs returning



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- 3 – 5 taking assessment testing in October. Baseline data to help support instruction planning
- Assessment in math, more hands on and problem solving approach. Busy time for teachers and students
- Lunch and recess going well, mobile removal is great, lots more room for the kids

Teachers' Report – Mrs. Richardson

Great start to school year, lots of respect, lunch to hallways to recess, kids are really behaving and respecting each other

New Business

Committee Chair List – Shannon Puri

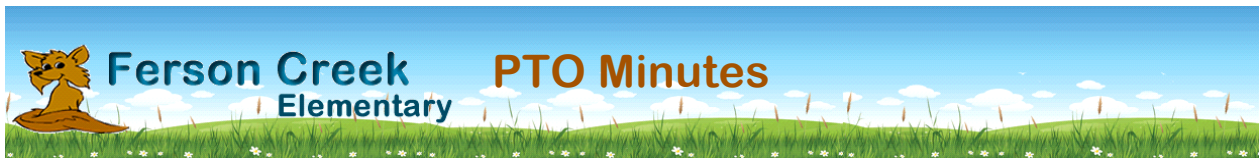
- Open positions were discussed above.

PTO- Shannon Puri

- Meetings will rotate monthly between mornings and afternoon times. Ferson families are encouraged to use a conference call-in option if unable to attend in person. Call in number is available. New service called zoom – through internet/app. Can do video, voice only, both, etc. We can setup through computer and do screen share and see them participating in meeting. Also has recording option.
- Communication – Email blasts are distributed once directory spot is updated
- Meeting Minutes are posted on the PTO website within one week following a scheduled meeting.
- If you want to join a position, let us know. Volunteer signup form going home this week. New families will get position descriptions as well.

Questions

- Room Parent signup – some were full within first hour, maybe going forward, include alternate spots, and for Boo Bash, just have 10 spots to volunteer.
 - Element of donating supplies/money was well received. Great response, people are involved but don't have to commit time upfront
 - There are still spots open
- Picture Day –Dr Sculles can check to see if we should consolidate and get better pricing?
- Volunteering – blurbs will be good to help new parents understand what they are volunteering for. Parents can put on volunteer form, want to help, but only with helpers. We recommend shadowing as well, to possibly take over a position next year.
- Sign-ups will be 30 minute volunteer shifts again as well



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Upcoming Dates:

- September 1-29 -Write-a-Check
- September 13 - Picture Day
- September 14 - Mum Orders Due
- September 21 - Mum Pick-up 9:00-12:00

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 1:30 in faculty lounge.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:46 am.