



The purpose of the Ferson Creek Elementary PTO is to enhance the curricular and extracurricular educational experience of all children and to support programs which would otherwise not be offered by providing necessary funding, volunteers and materials to teachers, students and the school.

Meeting Minutes

Ferson Creek PTO
November 13, 2018
9:30 AM - Faculty Lounge

1. Call to Order

Led by Co-President Shannon Puri at 9:34 AM

2. Attendance

Present: Shannon Puri, Pam Rancour, Sarah Goettel, Anne Ferguson, Kristi Bruns, Jaclyn Vasquez, Paula Reed, Keri Bardouniotis, Annie Wilson, Liz Holcumb, Dr. Kelly Sculles

Call-in: Ellen Baker, Grace Urbasic, Michelle Ferguson, Kerrie Martin

There were 15 in attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved by Liz Holcomb

2. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report (Shannon Puri)

- Library in need of volunteers for Book Fair
- Hospitality Chair, Annie Wilson, needs assistance for teacher conference meals
- Giving Tuesday
- Corporate matching checks are coming in
- Outside Beautification Team - outdoor entry pots have been redone

B. Treasurer's Report (Pam Rancour)

- Boo Bash income was over budget which covers the shortfall from Write-A-Check
- CPK was a great fundraiser - will return later in the Spring in conjunction with Barnes and Noble
- Sprit Wear had a profit of \$291
- Field Trips - \$7,000 available for trips with a partial match from Dr. Sculles. Money will be centralized through the school which will be evenly allocated to teacher classrooms

- PTO board expenditures for new building banners and signage are \$621.18. The graphic design time has been donated.
- PTO surplus funds purchased the cold weather bags for \$1,200 and the playground equipment holder for \$9,314. PTO surplus funds are used to target needs of whole school.

C. Principal's Report (Dr. Kelly Sculles)

AVIC

- Positive turnout and feedback
- Theme "Ferson Rocks" is aligned with how the school strives to operate by enhancing positivity and demonstrating kindness and shifting away from a negative mindset
- 6 kindness posters being created to hang around the school
- 5th graders are collectively building a turkey with earned kindness feathers

Conferences

- Efforts in place with teaching staff to strengthen the parental partner role during conferences versus teacher dissemination of information

Early Intervention and Enrichment Support

- Ferson and Munhall are early implementor sites along with 6th grade at Wredling Middle and 9th grade at North High. Data reviews have helped to identify K-5 students in need of intervention or enrichment supports (MTSS). The goal is to roll out across the district to encourage consistency across schools.

COGAT Testing

- 3rd and 5th grade students began COGAT Testing - verbal, nonverbal and quantitative aptitude. Results will be used at a district level to identify math and literacy.

Cold Weather Bags

- Thank you to Pam Rancour for coordinating the cold weather bags for students snow gear this year.

Math Literacy

- Math Specialist, Matt Wollack, is identifying where we are lacking in math resources this year. Approximately \$2,000 in funding will be allocated to provide more student hands-on teaching and learning resources.

D. Teacher's Report

None

4. Committee Reports

A. Calendar (Shannon Puri)

See Agenda

B. Restaurant Nights (Kerrie Martin)

- Nothing Bundt Cakes - during week of Thanksgiving. Raised their percentage to 20% which includes pre-orders
- Letter will go home with all restaurant nights between Thanksgiving and Christmas
- New partner, Jersey Mike's, will do a weekend Thurs-Sun. Date TBD

C. Spirit Wear (Kerrie Martin)

- New holiday sale coming up with personalized items
- Two week turnaround time with delivery guaranteed two weeks before break

D. Cold Weather Bags

See Principal's Report

E. Boo Bash (Shannon Puri)

- Wizard of Oz theme by Sara Alfaro was a great success
- Many new volunteers participated this year
- Kerrie Martin will be leading next year's Haunted Hall. The theme and planning is underway. Official planning starts in June.
- Looking for new games to be built instead of purchased or rented
- New ideas - wax hands and magician were popular but need to have fresh ideas next year
- Raffles were new this year
- More sponsors and more funds donated this year to offset costs and keep admission free
- Over 11,000 post game tickets were sorted by popularity post event. Slime table, haunted hall and cake walk were big ticket items.
- Extra cake walk items were donated to Fox River Countryside Fire Station for their assistance during our fire alarm

F. Banners (Shannon Puri)

- Invitations by Design, company owned by Ferson parent, donated her time and created our new banners and parkway signage

G. Poinsettias (Shannon Puri)

- Orders are due November 15th with Brenda Lutz
- Pickup date December 6th

H. ASE (Shannon Puri)

- February ASE month
- STC Public Library doing 3 classes (2 - Plank Challenge, 1 - life size Sorry board game)
- STC Park District (dance basics and hip hop)
- Looking for new and popular ideas

I. Directory Spot (Shannon Puri)

- Directory Spot up to date
- Phone app is free

J. AVIC (Keri Bardouniotis)

- 5th graders loved the "Rocks" projects
- More volunteers than the past, will do a Signup Genius to streamline the process

K. Room Parents - Halloween Party Recap (Shannon Puri)

- Yearbook pics coming in
- Winter and Valentines Signup Genius still open and available

L. Science Night (Shannon Puri)

- January 30h
- Increasing experiments from 20 to 30 this year
- Possibly a donation event

M. Box Tops (Shannon Puri)

- 1,929 box tops collected at \$.10/piece
- Expecting \$198 back for Fall
- Will do again in Spring

N. Spring Bingo (Shannon Puri)

- April 26th
- Beginning stages of planning
- Ideas for donations, organizing, baskets etc., please contact Shannon

5. Unfinished (old) Business

None

6. New Business

- Grace creating sponsorship level guide

7. Announcements

None

8. Adjourn at 10:27 AM