



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

January 15, 2019

9:30 AM - Faculty Lounge

1. Call to Order

Led by Co-President Shannon Puri at 9:35 AM

2. Attendance

Present: Shannon Puri, Pam Rancour, Anne Ferguson, Ms. Jennifer Shanahan, Keri Bardouniotis, Annie Wilson, Dr. Kelly Sculles

Call-in: Jaclyn Vasquez, Paula Reed

There were 9 in attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved by Annie Wilson with the following correction:

November 13, 2018 Minutes, Treasurer's Report, line item 6, shall be changed to:
"PTO surplus funds purchased the cold weather bags for \$1,200 and the playground equipment holder for \$293.14."

2. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report (Shannon Puri)

Science Night (January 30)

- Volunteers are needed via SignUp Genius. Two volunteers per science station for a total of 60 volunteers.
- Also need hand sanitizer and wipes
- High school students can receive community service hours
- All volunteers will receive materials and brief training beforehand

ASE (February)

- Volunteer signup is live via SignUp Genius. New classes include magician, electricity, dog trainer.

Spring Bingo (April 26)

- Looking for business donations
- Google Doc file available on shared drive to track solicited businesses
- Baskets/containers for silent auction are needed as well as volunteers to assemble
- Raffle items to be identified for both kids and adults such as tech gadgets, sports memorabilia, etc.

B. Treasurer's Report (Pam Rancour)

(see Income & Expense Report)

- Poinsettia sales do not bring in much revenue, but the sales are appreciated at school and it supports a local business
- First round of Box Top sales brought in \$197.50
- Additional Restaurant Night checks not on the Report include Culvers \$58.69 and Jersey Mike's \$49.71

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

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Testing

- Only 4th grade students will take MAP testing. MAP is a tool to help identify strengths and opportunities and focus instruction on the areas of a student's greatest need. Subjects assessed are reading, math and science.
- MAP testing is a nationwide gauge but not required (parents may opt-out)

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020

- The Preschool lottery opens January 22nd and closes February 5th
- Kindergarten registration is February 6th

2019-2020 District Calendar

- The district calendar has changed this coming year as outlined in Carol Smith's email January 14th
- Highlights:
 - The school year is starting August 14th and ending May 22nd (should no emergency days be used). May 22nd is the Friday before Memorial Day.
 - An earlier school start will allow high school students to complete their final exams before holiday break
 - The completion of Thompson Middle School means all schools will be air-conditioned to circumvent any seasonal temperature concerns
 - D303 calendar will now align with surrounding districts
 - Four Attendance Half Days will replace the current Two Full Days in compliance with new State of Illinois School Code guidelines

D. Teacher's Report (Ms. Jennifer Shanahan)

- Cold weather bags work well for classroom organization
- Staff and students loved the hallway snowflakes

4. Committee Reports

A. Calendar (Shannon Puri)

See Agenda

B. Restaurant Nights (Kerrie Martin)

- December weekly restaurant nights did not have good turnout likely due to busy holiday schedules. Will adjust accordingly for next year.
- Kimmer's Ice Cream still trying to implement their program
- New restaurant ideas include: MOD Pizza, Kava Diem, Coffee Haus (Randall Road location)

C. Spirit Wear (Kerrie Martin)

- December sales were low
- Shop will reopen for Spring and in conjunction with Kindergarten Preview Night

D. AVIC (Keri Bardouniotis)

- December went well and students enjoyed their projects
- Jan/Feb may continue doing individual project/themes by grade level and option for collaborative
- Grade level quilt idea

E. Yearbook (Shannon Puri)

- Books are in process now; will be finished in March
- All Halloween photos still not received by photography volunteers
- Need photos ASAP; contact Shannon Puri for submission links
- Ordering books will be new this year. The order window will be shorter to help increase turnout. Ordering will happen 2 weeks in March before Spring Break.

5. Unfinished (old) Business

None

6. New Business

None

7. Announcements

None

8. Adjourn at 10:35 AM