



Date: November 13, 2024

Start Time: 9:30am

Board Attendees:

Sam Beebe - President

Jackie Elmore - Vice-President

Nicole Delaney - Secretary

Jen Beirau - Treasurer

Minutes Submitted By: Nicole Delaney

Agenda:

1. Counselors Chat
2. Field Day Update
3. Holiday House
4. Holiday Parties
5. Daddy Daughter Chair
6. Treasurer Report
7. Principals Report

Counselors Chat

- I. Mrs. Van and Mrs. Morales spoke during the Counselors Chat
- II. Mrs. Van spoke about the 23-24 School Year end report and the different counseling programs that are available at Willis
- III. Mrs. Van spoke about the difference between bullying and peer conflict and how it is important to know the difference. Bullying is consistent perceived power.
- IV. Willis provides group and individual counseling to students for 6-8 weeks and then reevaluate after that time. If no improvement is seen, a referral to outside mental health is made
- V. Willis has divorce and bereavement groups

- VI. Mrs. Van said that counselors are allowed to speak to students one time without parental consent
- VII. Attendance data shows significant absences and stressed how important school attendance is
- VIII. Threat Assessments - the counselors encouraged parents to discuss with children the importance of not making jokes re: school threats/safety
- IX. The Counselors requested a spring chat and also mentioned that a parent survey will be going out

Field Day Update:

- I. Janet Allen spoke about the upcoming Fall Field Day - the activity schedule is set. All the games are fall themed and instructional videos for each station are being sent out to classrooms
- II. Each Station has a designated activity coordinator
- III. Still need some volunteers and if anyone has a contact for hay to please let Janet know
- IV. Sam Beebe thanks Janet for stepping up to the plate

Holiday Shop:

- I. Holiday Shop chairs are Colleen Aversa and Pam Shirzadi

Holiday Parties:

- I. Parents should be hearing from Room Parents/Teachers about individual classroom parties

Daddy/Daughter Dance:

- I. PTO is still looking for a chair for Daddy/Daughter Dance
- II. Allison Boccaccio volunteered to chair. Sam Beebe told her that she would be in touch
- III. Still looking for a venue that fits size and budget

Treasurer Report:

- I. Jen Beirau said that the PTO bank account had \$71,000 in it as of today.
- II. Upcoming expenses are - safety patrol shirts, field day expenses, principal fund and holiday shop

Principals Report:

- I. Mrs. Price said that the replacement shades for both playgrounds that were damaged during Hurricane Milton are on order and should be here in 12 weeks
- II. The principal made a request to PTO to provide gift cards for the staff holiday scavenger hunt
- III. Holiday Spirit week has been finalized.

- IV. Bulletin Board Sing ups will be included in the Sunday PTO Communication
- V. Thanksgiving Lunch for staff will be next Wednesday provided by the Spergl Family

Meeting Adjourned at 10:03am

PTO Meeting Attendees:

1. Emily McLauchlan
2. Michelle Dempsey
3. Allisson Boccaccio
4. Heather Glover
5. Sahar Shirzadi
6. Mindy Buckley
7. Carrie Botros
8. Jessica Blondell
9. Krista Millea
10. Michelle Hefferman
11. Colleen Amersa
12. Janet Allen
13. Jennifer Kincaid