**Willis Elementary PTO Meeting**

Date: December 7, 2022

Start Time: 8:46 a.m.

Board Attendees:

Allison Boccoccio – President

Lindsay Markun – Vice President

Kim Larsen – Treasurer

Ri Bizzaro – Secretary

Minutes submitted by: Ri Bizzaro

**Welcome**

1. Allison Bocaccio welcomed those in attendance to the PTO meeting.
2. She spoke highlighted the Color Run success
   1. Boosterthon – although a new platform that didn’t offer family contributions, there were a lot of great features (personalized movie, reminders to donors on extra needed to hit goal, etc.)
   2. Over $80k raised – goal achieved
   3. Rahn’s class will have pizza party as they were the top raising class
   4. The 2nd grade was top raising grade & those teachers will be provided with lunch
3. Allison reviewed PTO v PTA
   1. PTA – paid membership while PTO is not
   2. 501c3 – nonprofit
   3. All are included – PTO board is here to help allocate funds to projects
   4. Goal is to help assist staff, administration & students
   5. Some projects:
      1. Playground equipment from last years color run
      2. Shade option (table with umbrella ordered)
      3. Big Fan in final stage of approval from left over color run funds for outdoor PE area
         1. Was looked at last year but 20 year warrantee voided without company installer – they are now approved by Manatee County to install.
      4. Spring fundraiser will not be fancy/gala

**SAC Update**

1. Sam Beebe discussed format of SAC
   1. Nicole Delaney - Chair, Sam – Vice Chair, voting members
   2. All welcome to attend and raise concerns
   3. More formal than PTO
   4. Goals set at beginning of year – safety & security evaluations
      1. New lines painted for crosswalk to/from park
      2. PTO to help with parent volunteers to ensure safe crossing at drop off
      3. New carpet for media center
      4. A rating has provided recognition funds of ~$130k to be distributed to teachers (up for final approval)
      5. PTO with have SAC member to provider updates at meetings
   5. Parent brought up concerns with entry/main office security

**Budget & Finances**

1. Kim reviewed November financials
   1. Decorating Committee in “Misc.” but will have it’s own category next year
   2. Trunk or Treat costs
   3. Book Fair money returned to Mr. Violette so zeroed out
   4. Color Run $80,807.12 + $4,310 expected in matches
   5. Soccer Goals
      1. Allison tried one as a test – asked teachers for suggestions
      2. Teachers noted balls missing some days (Dr. Fradley to check on if PE provides)
      3. Idea of large outdoor bin to hold balls floated
   6. Rally Up raised more than expected

**Teacher Requests/Suggestions**

1. Ms. French, Ms. Collett and Ms. Eddie are teacher representatives
2. Extending turf between new turf and playground was floated
   1. Issue with tree roots was discussed
   2. Additional turf quotes were also discussed
3. Kindergarten area that is not being utilized
   1. Hopscotch stencil floated
   2. Basketball hoop broken

**Sponsors**

1. Ri discussed importance of sponsors
2. Supporting sponsors
3. Discussion on what things sponsorship facilitates (ukuleles)
4. Sam Beebe suggested one place where sponsors and their parent/staff discounts can be listed

**Principal’s Update**

1. Dr. Fradley provided a brief update in Principal Price’s absence
2. Reviewed important items (events like new carpet & turf)
3. Grateful & big thank you to PTO for all they do for school and staff

**Committee Updates**

1. Lindsay reviewed
   1. 5th Grade
      1. Shirts arrived & pictures were taken
      2. Yearbook dedications, baby pictures for slide show are being collected by Courtney Kennedy
      3. Denise West is working on the 5th grade end of year party
   2. Daddy Daughter
      1. Under the Stars theme
      2. Harvest Church 1/27
      3. Capacity for all
      4. Signup genius will be out in communications email
      5. Financial help for those who need it
   3. Holiday Shop
      1. Volunteers needed
      2. New Theme
      3. Items $.50 - $12
      4. Financial help for those who need it

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.