

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom, Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 6 pm

Starting Time: 6:04 pm

Board Members Present: Allison Boccaccio, Lindsay Markun, Deb Hossenlopp, Melissa Summerlee

Other Members Present: Listed Separately

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

Agenda:

1. Welcome/PTO Board Update
2. Administrative Update from Mrs. Price/Mrs. Mau
3. Financial Overview
 - a. PTO Purchases
 - b. Spirit Events
 - c. Business Partners
4. Walk-A-Thon
5. Yearbook Committee
6. Q&A

Welcome

1. Allison began by introducing herself and explaining that she has taken over as president of the PTO Board. Amy needed to step down. Lindsay Markun has stepped in as Vice President.

Administrative Update

1. The school was notified by the district that they are going to be removing the portables from Willis' campus. Coaches had been using them to store equipment and a distance learning teacher was storing items in the other. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Mau are considering using the space for picnic tables in the future.
2. The school has received new Science books for K-2. They have been ordered for K-5 but only K-2 have arrived. The district provided those.
3. Literacy Week is beginning 1/25. Battle of the books and different themed days all week, culminating with a scooter race students vs staff at the end of the week. PTO providing fruit roll-ups as part of the event.
4. Acaletics will be providing their program for 3rd grade for free. It is a math computer program that teaches basic, proficient math skills through a fun, math club style learning. It is a spiral math fact program that circles back to previous skills. Monthly math "scrimmage" tests their skills through the year. 4th and 5th

graders already use this program and Walk-A-Thon funds will be used to purchase for 3rd graders next year.

5. Champions for Education- March 1-12. District is rolling this out for all employees to recognize all teachers and school staff as "Champions of Education" No details yet on what this will entail. There will be a pizza lunch for staff and shirts for all employees to celebrate everyone's hard work through this challenging year.

Financial Overview

1. Deb Hossenlopp reviewed December financials and made attendees aware that financials are posted online at the PTO's website.
2. PTO Purchases- The PTO purchased gift cards for the staff for the holidays, holiday treats for staff, supplemental Making Meaning books and PTO insurance.
3. The school collected funds from several Spirit Events, including Kendra Scott, Kona Ice and Blaze Pizza. So far this year the school has collected approximately \$600 from Spirit Events.
4. Business Partners- Maid Brigade has become a new Platinum Sponsor.

Walk-A-Thon

1. PTO is working hard to put together a Walk-A-Thon this year. It will look different than in years past. Kids will walk during their fine arts period. Goal is to reach \$50,000. Money is used to purchase materials, curriculum, and training.
2. All donations will be done online through Dojiggy.
3. There are business sponsorship opportunities.
4. There will be prizes and incentives. PTO has gotten creative with the Walk-A-Thon incentives including Walk-A-Thon shirts, snack and homework coupons, raffle tickets and treat parties.
5. Date for the Walk-A-Thon is set for Friday, February 26th with an 8:30 am start time.
6. PTO will be asking for volunteers. Safety protocols will be in place. Manatee County Volunteer application must be completed. Masks must be worn at all times and temperatures will be taken. Volunteers cannot bring other family or friends for their volunteer shift. SignUp Genius will be going for Volunteer sign up. There will be a morning and afternoon shift for volunteers.

7. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the Walk-A-Thon. LWR Medical Center and Christy Peterson, realtor at Exit King Realty, have already agreed to sponsor. Samantha Beebe expressed interest in sponsorship opportunity for Walk-A-Thon.
8. DJ Joseph will be providing DJ services for the Walk-A-Thon event.

Yearbook

1. Ms. Ison and Michela are working on the yearbook. They are looking for assistance with pages for each grade.
2. Lifetouch has been sending out flyers and reminders to purchase yearbooks.
3. If PTO creates a flyer for yearbook assistance, Mrs. Price can have it sent out through Peachjar.

Q & A

1. Mrs. Price asked if the PTO can put out a request for someone to volunteer the use of their drone to take photos of the 5th grade.
2. Mrs. Price would like to replace the rope used in the car rider line between metal posts. The current rope is not lasting long. Lindsay suggested drilling eyebolts in to the posts and using powder-coated chain link between posts. Perhaps Gator Stamping can be contacted about this.
3. Spirit Event Updates: D'Lites was sparsely attended. They have another Spirit Event coming in April. PDQ is scheduled on February 17th and Barré 3 possibly in May. Samantha Beebe mentioned that her shop, Influence Styles, has paired with Barré 3 in the past for these types of events.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm