**Willis Elementary PTO Meeting**

Date: January 11, 2023

Start Time: 2:05 p.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 highlighted the Decoration Committee for their amazing job with the Whoville displays and for helping with the 3rd grade play scenes.
3. Allison also thanked all the parent volunteers that helped with the backstage hair & makeup for the play.
4. The Holiday Shop was a great success. Allison thanked Allison Freund who did an amazing job as the Chair. It was a great way to teach children about giving. The parent volunteers were amazing and made it a success as well.
   1. Feedback was that products were too expensive – we should look to other vendors where products are $5 or less.
   2. Feedback that next year we can either have extra volunteers to wrap the presents for the kids
   3. Feedback that next year we could have a buddy system with 5th grade going in with Kindergarten
   4. Feedback that there were many events during the Holiday Shop week and perhaps things could be spaced out a bit next year.
   5. Feedback that perhaps VPK could be included next year and maybe we could create a cart of select goodies to bring to each class.
5. PDQ donated lunch for staff during Winter Wonderland Week.
6. Daddy Daughter Dance – At Harvest Church on 1/27 with tickets sold until 1/13 for final headcount preparation.
   1. Monika & Jenn are Chairs and will be doing their own craft this year (vs. vendor last year).
   2. Off campus allows for more capacity
   3. Liz Ramos of the County Observer has been invited to cover the event.
7. Magic of Mittens – 620 total families served this year with a big thank you from Beth.
8. Volunteers needed for staff popcorn cart every other Wednesday
9. Parking lot raffle is live for 3Q
10. Waiting for Manatee County approval for the big fan installation. There is a final evaluation to confirm that the structure can support the fan and that there is ample power.
11. Spring Fundraiser – Set for March 3 at new LWR Tsunami Sushi location – more details to follow.
    1. Money raised will pay for additional turf
    2. Prizes so far include $500 Total Wine gift cards & wine tasting for 12 people
    3. Committee to meet to discuss class baskets

**Budget & Finances**

1. Kim reviewed December financials.
   1. Color Run – still have funds coming in.
   2. Holiday Shop – Approximately $3,650 in revenue
   3. 5th Grade Ice cream party – reward for first class to have slide show pictures returned.
   4. Turf has been paid off.
   5. Principal Fun – gift cards for teachers, tools for Antonio
   6. Wreath Fundraiser – Approximately $122 in revenue

**SAC Update**

1. Sam Beebe gave update
   1. Meeting at end of month (1/31 at 6 p.m.)
   2. Link for parent volunteers is live for crosswalk to/from park

**Principal’s Update**

1. Principal Price gave update
   1. Thank you to decorating committee, holiday shop chair/volunteers and color run chair/volunteers
   2. Playground turf is amazing
   3. Lori O’Donnell with be moving to a teacher role and a new hire will replace her

**Kindergarten Playground Update**

1. Sam Beebe may have contact to help with painting/stencils
   1. Discussion around painting a track around dirt pit & hopscotch
   2. Playscapes quote was $3k
2. Basketball hoop discussed – decision on sand/water based free standing hoop
3. Discussion around Reviewed important items (events like new carpet & turf)
4. Grateful & big thank you to PTO for all they do for school and staff

**Teacher Requests/Suggestions**

1. Ms. French, Ms. Collett and Ms. Eddie are teacher representatives
2. Soccer goal was a hit but broke – Teachers will send options for a new purchase

**Mom Night**

1. May have “Mom Night” to replace Muffins with Moms due to issue with Raptor
2. Will try to coordinate with book fair
3. Ideas for Jeramiah’s or Bite Me Cookie were suggested.

**Mom Son Event**

1. Date of event is 3/31 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Glow in the dark theme
3. Inflatables – 9-hole mini golf – football kick – foam ax throwing
4. Pizza to be served
5. Face painting & tattoos
6. Photobooth
7. Hydration station
8. Must-do-with-mom activities
9. Suggested sign up at Daddy Daughter Dance for volunteers

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.