

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 2:30 pm

Starting Time: 2:31 pm

Board Members Present: Allison Boccaccio, Lindsay Markun, Mindy Buckley and
Melissa Summerlee

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

Agenda: See attached

1. PTO Update

- a. Amazing Decorations throughout school. Thank you to the decorations committee for doing such a great job.
- b. Holiday Shop Update- Holiday Shop was a resounding success. Penguin Patch was very easy to work with. If any parents have problems with their purchases, they can contact Penguin Patch directly. Next year, we will plan to have the schedule more spaced out and have one class come at a time. Getting additional inventory from Penguin Patch isn't a problem.
- c. Color Run Prize
 - i. Muffins with Mrs. Mau was the 1st prize held. Kids had a great time and the event became a big carol sing-along.
 - ii. Dates for additional prizes are as follows
 1. 1/21 Ninja Warrior Course. Kids will get to do the obstacle course on campus
 2. 1/28 Ice Cream Party
 3. 2/25 Pancakes with Mrs. Price
 4. 3/10- High Touch/High Tech In-School Field Trip
 5. Movie Night- TBD
- d. PTO Purchased Gift Cards for Staff to be given away for the holidays. Morale booster for staff members.
- e. PDQ provided staff lunch as part of the business partnership arrangement
- f. Color Run Shirts & Socks are en route-Manatee Apparel has had some supply chain delays and are trying to find stock where they can.
- g. Playground Update-Still on track to be installed during Spring break. PTO should have funds to purchase a shade and have it installed over summer.
- h. The Enchanted Forest Ball-
 - i. We found out today that the event is being reevaluated. As it cannot be held in the school as is.

- ii. The PTO has requested permission to continue with the dance on the same date but to hold it outside. Waiting on a response from the county.
 - iii. PTO has also considered switching location as the event is not a fundraiser. Mrs. Price said the event is still considered a school function and anything the PTO does, is still considered a school event.
 - iv. Waiting for more information and will have to hold off on additional planning until more is known.
 - v. The possibility of parents hosting their own private event is not something Mrs. Price would encourage. Money has already been put down for vendors by the PTO
 - i. 5th Grade Committee
 - i. Bricks on Sale
 - 1. Feb 1-28th
 - 2. Brick Sales open to everyone but mostly popular with 5th graders.
 - ii. Sarasota Farm Bureau for inflatable/water party for the 5th graders.
 - j. Book Fair/Recess After Dark-coming in Feb
 - i. Host an afterschool event for parents to come and mingle and shop book fair
 - ii. Possibly have food trucks at event
2. Principal's Update
 - a. We are in to the 2nd half of the year
 - b. Mr. Bell from Acaletics came by to meet with 3rd-5th graders and discuss additional materials
 - c. Covid is spiking everywhere. Still not too much of an issue at Willis. Hopefully the current surge will only last a few more weeks.
 - d. Mrs. Price will confirm basketball hoop for kindergarten
3. Financials
 - a. Match donations still coming in for Color Run.
 - b. Current PTO account is at approximately \$160k but \$90k is earmarked for the new playground structure. Additional funds will likely be used to add the shade structure over the summer.
 - c. Still trying to coordinate for large fan installation in the covered PE area. Hoping to get additional quote from county vendor. Some Willis families are approved county vendors. Mrs. Price thought perhaps the fans had to be installed directly by the county.
4. Questions
 - a. Can parents participate in runner's club? Mrs. Price said she would ask Coach Morales.π

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm