



# PTO Minutes

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**Attendees:** Gerri Balthazor, Dana Ford, Amanda Philhour, Kim Schieber, Hailee Schmidt, Jessica Simecka, Jill Reynolds, Kim Rosel

**President's Report** (Jill Reynolds) A new PA system (\$600) has been requested by Colby Sullivan. It was discussed whether or not there would be a second round of teacher grant requests as the first round was significant and money is being allocated for greenhouse expenses. Committee voted in favor of PA System. PA system will be wireless and blue tooth compatible and used by the entire school. Mizeapalooza date will be set soon. Jill and Gerri will set a date for April. The event will be set up and structured similar to last year. We will use the same vendor for the games.

**Treasurer's Report** (Dana Ford) Budget is healthy and there is money to spend/possibly reallocate. Dana suggested allocating more funds for staff appreciation/academic support as the funds are there to do that. Money is set aside for greenhouse. Just waiting on the estimates.

**Principal's Report** (Gerri Balthazor) Hawk Walk/Greenhouse Updates: Gerri is waiting on estimates from the district's groundskeeper for the concrete pad that will need to be poured under the greenhouse. Waiting on a date for when construction can begin. Gerri is also waiting on warranty information from Home Depot on the Greenhouse. Kindness prizes (gift cards) are being handed out for the Huddy card drawings.

### **Committee Updates:**

- Staff Appreciation:** Monica has arranged for Sombreros to set up a lunch bar for teachers on the Thursday of parent teacher conferences. A snack/drink bar will be set up in the staff lounge on Wednesday of conferences to be enjoyed throughout conferences. Liz will email signup to families.
- Fundraising:** Erica has arranged The Other Place fundraiser on February 17th. Chipotle on March 29th. Working on a Chik-fil A date for April. Skate City night on 1/21 earned \$480. The Papa Murphy's fundraiser earned \$225. Discussions on possible one more Skate City Night in the spring. It was decided to wait and plan father/daughter and mother/son events first.
- Family Activities:** Plans and locations (inside versus outside) for father/daughter and mother/son events was discussed. Jill suggested using the DeSoto Activity Center for one or both events. It is inexpensive to rent. Gerri said that she was fine with the events being at the school. Possibly doing mother/son outside at the school in the spring. A date and location need to be set for father/daughter. Lindsay is ready to plan. Jill will communicate with her and Gerri so we can move forward with the planning.
- Birthday Board:** It was suggested that we find a different payment platform other than Paypal who takes a 10% cut. Kim S. said that she would do some research into this. Kim R. will take a picture of the marquee for the website and send to Jessica.
- Gift Card Coordination:** Another round of gift card sales was discussed. Hailee said that she would facilitate this again.
- Website Manager:** Jessica has added more teacher/staff favorites. Website is much improved and looking great.
- Graphic Design:** Amanda offered to assist Gerri in anything that she needs as far as posters, etc. for the garden/greenhouse project presentation coming up.

**Next Steps:** Next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday March, 7th, 6pm. Mize Elementary.

