



Mize
Elementary

PTO Minutes

October 10, 2022

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Attendees: Jessica Simecka, Hailee Schmidt, Jenny McCord, Deanna Engstrom, Jill Reynolds, Kim Rosel, Alana Avery, Jennifer Mitchell, Amanda Philhour, Gerri Balthazar, Erika Kokoruda, Emily Seaton

- Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom
 - 2022-2023 Budget Update
 - If tax exempt status is needed for any purchases, contact Deanne for the information.

- Teacher Grants: Jessica Simecka
 - 19 teacher submissions reviewed.
 - Approved grants = \$4,924.11

- Committee Updates
 - Birthday Board: Kimberly Rosel
 - A signup genius will be sent out to families to sponsor teacher/staff birthdays for \$10.
 - Next year, the form for student birthday's will be updated to include a sign up for staff birthdays.

 - Corp. Fundraising: Monica Toepfer
 - Papa Murphy's - Sep. 22nd - \$309 raised
 - Skate City - Oct. 12th - \$522 raised
 - Tall Trellis - Oct. 20th
 - A 60/40 raffle will take place.
 - Sombreros - Nov. 16th
 - Chipotle – Jan. 17th
 - Skate City – Jan. 27th
 - Paperwork has been submitted for the Casey's General Store grant.

 - Family Events: Kimberly Rosel
 - This year we will continue our tradition of hosting both a Game Night and a Dance. Both events will happen in the Spring.

 - Gift Cards: Hailee Schmidt
 - Flyers will be distributed to families the 1st week of November with orders due on Nov. 18th.

- Hawk Walk: Jill Reynolds
 - Packets have been sent home with students.
 - Date: Oct. 28th
 - Goal: \$25K
 - A sign-up will be sent out for volunteers.
 - PTO is sponsoring treats from Kona Ice for the entire school in the afternoon.
 - Additional budget request approved for teacher gift card for teacher of winning class.
 - Facebook auctions to come:
 - Front row seats at the 4th Grade Musical
 - Lunch with Gerri
 - Signed Travis Kelce football

- Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
 - October – Ms. Graham is coordinating a Halloween candy collection for November 1st-2nd
 - December – Toy Drive to benefit KVC programs
 - March – Food Drive to benefit DeSoto Food Pantry and local families
 - April – New event proposed and approved – All Abilities Spirit Week. Various organization representatives will present at an assembly and money earned throughout the week will go back to each charity.

- School Supplies: Becky Henry
 - 2022 check will be received this month
 - We are committing to a 2023 contract

- Spirit Wear: Julie Suttles
 - Estimating \$1,350 raising.
 - Items anticipated to be shipped on Nov. 8th.
 - Delivery expected Nov. 10th or 11th

- Staff Appreciation: Amanda Philhour/Dana Ford
 - Q1 Conferences update/learnings
 - There were some issues reusing an existing sign-up genius but we've resolved that going forward.
 - The meals totaled \$801.51 (\$206.96 for Goodcents and \$594.55 for Grandma's Catering).
 - Fed 45 staff members. Positive feedback received.
 - Appreciation Pies
 - Sending sign-up around Nov. 8th with delivery on Nov. 22nd
 - Holiday Gifts
 - Items have been selected, expect delivery by Dec. 20th
 - Love Letters
 - For the 2nd year in a row, the Mobile Boutique will stop by the school for a special staff-only shopping event on Nov. 2nd.

- Website Manager: Jessica Simecka/Melinda Shinault
 - The 2022-2023 directory has been distributed.
 - The PTO PayPal account is being converted from a business account to a non-profit to reduce fees.
 - The newsletter will no longer be posted on the PTO website.

- Principal's Report: Gerri Balthazor
 - Greenhouse update
 - Working on quotes for 16' x 15' greenhouse
 - Preparing to lay weed barrier and assemble garden beds.
 - Staff Garden committee has been formed.
 - Working on logistics of responsibilities by grade.
 - Sign-up genius may be sent for parent/family assistance with assembly and summer maintenance.
 - Looking forward to a Spring kickoff with families.

Next meeting: November 14th