



Mize
Elementary

PTO MINUTES

November 13, 2023

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Attendees: Jessica Simecka, Amanda Philhour, Deanne Engstrom, Emily Seaton, Gerri Balthazor, Jennifer McKechnie, Jenny McCord, Sara Nachbar, Melinda Shinault, Becky Henry, Jim Ondick, Amy Welborn, Kellie Lawton, Hailee Schmidt, Erika Kokruda, Crystal Deschant, Kim Schieber

1. President's Report: Jessica Simecka
 - a. Garden/Greenhouse Updates – Revised proposal is pending review with the facilities director. Updated cost is \$37,896.00.
2. Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom
3. Secretary: Emily Seaton
4. Principal's Report: Gerri Balthazor
 - a. Building update
 1. Furniture for the new expansion is anticipated at the end of the month.
 2. Wall Mural – The school is partnering with artist, Ken Della, to vision and execute a mural. Students will be included as part of the art curriculum. (not PTO funded)
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Staff Appreciation Chair: Amanda Philhour
 - i. Holiday Wrapping (Dec. 11th): Hailee Schmidt
 - This event is in lieu of the Thanksgiving Pies since the school is closed the entire holiday week.
 - Gift wrapping volunteers are needed - [Signup Genius](#)
 - ii. Holiday Gifts (Dec. 20th): Hailee Schmidt
 - Teacher holiday gifts have been ordered.
 - iii. Q2 Conferences: Dana Ford
 - Planning has begun.
 - b. Family Events Chair: Kim Schieber
 - i. Family Movie Night: Sara Nachbar
 - Raised \$151.75, of which, \$50 will go to the 5th Grade year end party.
 - Positive feedback was received from parents and school staff.
 - ii. Parent's Night Out: Sara Nachbar, Kelly Lawton, Crstal Deschant
 - The committee is evaluating potential dates and activities.
 - iii. Donut Grow Up Dance: Bridgid Driscoll & Jim Ondick
 - Thursday, Feb. 8th
 - A quote was received for a DJ. We could receive cost savings if we also book for game night.

- Researching options and obtaining quotes for a photo booth, pizza vendor, and donut vendor.
 - Evaluating design/cost/options for t-shirts to sell.
 - iv. Game Night: Jennifer McKechnie
 - Thursday, Apr. 4th
 - Evaluating options for games and activities.
 - c. Fundraising
 - i. Birthday Board: Jenny McCord - \$99 earned over the last month
 - ii. Corp. Fundraising: Erika Kokoruda
 - Skate Night, Oct. 12th (\$615 raised)
 - Chipotle, Nov. 7th (\$710 raised)
 - Urban Air, Nov. 30th @ 4pm
 - Pink Charming Sip & Shop, Dec. 5th @ 5pm
 - iii. Hawk Walk: Jill Reynolds/Kim Rosel - Raised \$28,121 which exceeded the budgeted goal
 - iv. Mizeapalooza: Amy Welborn/Crystal Deschant
 - Friday, Apr. 26th (rain out is May 3rd)
 - Contract and pricing finalization in progress with FunServicesKC.
 - v. Passive Income
 - POGO Pass - \$40 raised to date. Black Friday Sale: Nov. 10th-20th.
 - Raise Right – advertising via Facebook posts and HEV.
 - vi. School Supplies: Becky Henry / New volunteer needed
 - SchoolKidz has been selected as the new vendor; must sign contract by end of November.
 - A new committee lead volunteer is needed. The primary commitment is in January-June.
 - vii. Spiritwear: Julie Suttles
 - 9 blank shirts remain (selling the lot for \$75) and if not sold, may be used as samples next year.
 - d. Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
 - i. October - Ronald McDonald House – 310 lbs. of candy was donated
 - ii. December - KVC Toy Drive
 - Partnering with Ms. Graham’s Leadership Club. Communications to go out at the end of November.
 - iii. February - Kindness week
 - iv. Kindness Pantry
 - The current supply provided by the Girl Scout troop is anticipated to last through March. We will use a Food Pantry drive to secure supply for April and beyond.
6. Website: Melinda Shinault

Next Meeting: December 11th, 5:30 PM