

## SEPTEMBER LITITZ EL PTO MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** Sara Wiggins, Ali Strauss, Katie Drakely, Mary Jo Platt, Tanya Myers, Abbie Frederick, Cynthia Daugherty, Jenna Louderback, Emily Allen, Carol O'Toole

Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Re-read minutes to review since the meeting was quite a few months ago – Motioned – Katie Drakely Seconded – Sara Wiggins

Principal's Report: Thank you for Chalk the Walk, which also supplied the ear buds for each student as well as the surplus going to the office for needs. It was a great start to the school year. We started the school year with some new things like celebrating Pride Paws along with a school goal where small goals are celebrated at monthly assemblies along the way. Monthly assemblies started this year to focus on monthly SEAD topics and school environment. Tanya Myers shared that she appreciates the PTO so much and thanked us for supporting the teachers and staff each year.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Ali – Balance \$15,279 as of May, Current balance is around \$13,000 currently (outstanding checks out for Pearson) – Around \$11,000 balance to start the year

- ran down the list of budget for the 24/25 school year – see document
- field trip money goes to help defer the cost for families so that they are not so high, most does not go towards transportation other than the DC trip for the Coach buses
- Bike Rodeo – 2 bikes for adaptive riding joining in on the fun (students are super excited)
- Need Yearbook advisor this year – uploading pictures and creating content (no picture taking needed) – creating the collage pages – 6<sup>th</sup> grade voted on the theme 2 years ago
- End of Year Carnival - \$500, rather than \$200 as indicated on the document – May 30th

Review of Recess Upgrades: The PTO completely revamped the Recess cart (scooters, hula hoops, dodge balls, kick balls, skip its, velcro catch and throw, etc) The kids are loving all of the things – Also re-did Pearson Playground (capture the flag, kickball, four squares, paw prints, basketball nets, football, etc)

Fun Run Update: So far, \$665 raised – Kickoff assembly – Challenges: Class with most kids

registered, Urban Air gave free bookmarks, Prize bin, Classroom challenges, Top class gets to silly string Mr Balsbaugh and Mrs Louderback – Different run this year (using the grassy area with a course with a speaker system and music) – Push up pops at the end – Parents can come join with their students if they are able to do so

\*\*Funds Earmarked – basketball hoops, wheelchair accessible picnic table, field trips, and other events throughout the year

Playground Focus Group: PTO is here to support and aid – Abby and Emily are spearheading the committee – Sign-up passed around

Board Volunteers for 25/26 School Year: Ali, Katie, and Sara's terms are up after this year – If interested, we would love to have those come shadow to see what we do and get ready to jump in next year – Email the PTO group with any interest

Sign-ups for Upcoming Events: Holiday Decorating and Yearbook need chairs yet this year

Teacher Appreciation Idea from Carol O'Toole – Week before Christmas and week after (get wrapping paper and gift wrap for the teachers and staff) She is willing to spearhead the entire event. Help the staff wrap their gifts for the Christmas season

Carol O'Toole reached out to Costco to get a gift card donated for the PTO – Cynthia will provide PTO financial information to Carol

Sponsored/Supported Events Last Year: Listed on document provided from the PTO

Abbie presented Combining Multiple "Events" for Parent Donations/Volunteer Time – to help financially – create a form that parents can sign-up/donate (Google form for volunteering time is already shown on the website – put the link for the Google Form out to the parents at one time) Is there a form that can also include donations to the PTO for one lump sum donation – Would there be a loss of funds for the Fun Run? – There is always something (fundraiser, donations needed, funds needed, etc)

"Beginning of the Year PTO" Callout – Include the Google Doc for Volunteering

- Make a sign-up genius for the entire year (donate time, items, and funds) list the events and dates