

PTA Goal for the year is to make everyone feel like they belong

- Meetings will be the 2nd Monday of every month at 7pm
- All are welcome to attend,
- Childcare is provided
- New PTA website is linked off the facebook page, twitter account and school website
- Joining the PTA (\$5.50 membership fee) is not a requirement to volunteer or attend meetings
- One does not need to attend every meeting if they decide to join the PTA

Meeting called to order by Christina at 7:00pm

President's Report

Old
Business

PTA vs PTO

- In January the board will provide knowledge on both a PTA and PTO
- In February there will be a vote to decide on one or the other for next school year

Movie Nights

- Past two not as well attended as the first two but still successful
- Showed Elf for the December Movie night
- Voted to add line item for Movie Night costs (Motioned by Kim, 2nd by Andrea)
 - Annual cost of \$250 for popcorn and supplies estimated for this year Birthday Books
- Are current through December
- New board outside the library displaying the pictures
- Will start with half birthdays for summer birthday children next
- Birthday Book money is accepted year round
 - Form available on the website Teacher Picnic Table
- Website no longer offering free shipping (an additional cost of \$212)
 - Looking for something comparable with free shipping Food Drive
- Donated 3000 lbs of food
 - Student council helped to load onto the truck Box Top App
- Must scan your full receipt
- Can black out credit card numbers
- Pick the teacher you want credit for as default but you may change it between students if you like
- Still collect physical box tops too

New Business

Options to spend excess funds

- Voting to take place in January
- We are looking at spending \$5500 of what is currently in savings
- This years Fun Run had no surplus after expenses and budget
- Ideas for alternate spending include (given by staff)
 1. Alternate seating

2. Bean Bag refills 3. Headphones
for classrooms 4. Spheros for
technology 5. Reimburse for extra
seating area 6. Plastic stop sign 7.
Storage for sleds 8. Ellison
gingerbread man 9. Teachers
Supplies

Voted to buy new stop sign for crossing guard as it is a safety issue. Cost is \$60. Motioned by Michelle Second by Kim All were in favor. Christina to purchase after meeting for delivery in January.

Emerson the Brave Family day asked to borrow the games from Wacky Zoo. Kim motioned to allow them to borrow. Liz seconded the motion. All in favor. Will ask Lisa Foy to help us figure out the games.

Volunteers...how to increase the amount of volunteers we get.

- Survey to parents asking for ideas on how to get information out on volunteer information
- Feedback needed on why it is hard to get volunteers for events
- Timing of events to close together or to classroom needs
- Is the commitment and expectations understood
- Communication
- Younger siblings at home make it hard??
- PTA turnover bring change and different structure
- Chairperson for events have co-chairs that reach out and outline needs??
- Volunteer form from district that asks what you are interested in may be misleading as that information does not go to the school
- Electronic forms verse paper forms
- WackyZoo 2020? Do we attempt it this year and ask for volunteers by set date to go ahead or not??

Kim asked to have someone take over Waukaboo next year as it is so close to Fun Run. Michelle took on coordinating the event for next year.

Principal Report

PBIS Update

- Pride tickets continue to be handed out and the number is growing. Currently at 2,674
- Annual Theme is family, this months root is traditions
- 4th graders created traditions in the US books
- Winter Spirit Week begins next Monday- Monday is PJ day, Wednesday is Traditions day, and Friday is Ugly Sweater Day

Movie Night

- Parents have commented on how great it is to have this event for families to partake in Winter Workshop
- Thank you to Stephanie and Tiffany for all your hard work to make Winter Workshop successful this year.
- Thank you to all the parents for volunteering this week. It could not be pulled off without you.

Art Night

- 200 kids showed up to participate
- Thank you to the parent volunteers in making this happen
- This is an every other year event

West Ottawa Board Meeting

- December 16th at 7pm Holiday Break
- Saturday December 21st to Sunday January 5th.

Teacher Report

- Asked to use some funds to reimburse Mrs Wagner for the extra seating area she made in the 4th and 5th grade hallway
- Thanks to the PTA for all you do!
- Winter Workshop is starting out great

Treasurer Report

- Currently have \$27,784.27 in checking and \$8403.71 in savings
- Waukaboo came in under budget
- Box tops brought in approx. \$370. Check comes in January.

Meeting Adjourned at

8:17pm