

Spring Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Attendees via Zoom Meeting: Laura Taylor, Latham Linstedt, , Diane Luft, Alanna Smith, Rich Churchill, Tina Jones, Jene Fulcer, Michele Martin

- Meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.
- Rich motioned to approve February minutes and Alanna seconded.
- Principal Report:
 - Forward testing is almost all completed. All grade levels are done and they are focusing on students that missed testing dates
 - I Ready testing is on the horizon. All grades will be tested this year to find out where they are. It will help with classroom placement for next year.
 - Other testing coming up: On demand writing sample for K-3 students, PALS testing for K.
 - Teachers are finalizing plans for End of Year activities:
 - 5th graders will be having a bike hike. They will be packing their own lunch and will be taking a break at Toms for an ice cream treat. Diane asked the PTO if they will sponsor the ice cream since funds were put aside for this class for field trips and they weren't able to take them. They approved that. Also 5th graders will be receiving yard signs again this year.
 - PBIS Celebration for last week of school.
 - On that Friday Officer Brad Fox will be coming to do demonstrations on the front lawn of the school with his K-9 Odin. Classes will go out in the cohorts to watch the demonstration.
 - PBIS update: 12 minors and 28 majors in April with most coming from language and technology infractions. Nothing to compare to since we were virtual last year.
- Treasurer report
 - Account Balances (as of 4/27/21)
 - Savings: \$7033.66
 - Checking: \$11386.90
 - Project: \$13,282.45
 - Deposits
 - \$43.00 (\$10 Conference Meal donations, \$33 Eaton's Pizza Order)
 - \$380.90 Square 1 paper order forms
 - \$414.04 (\$345 Teacher Appreciation Donations, \$69.04 Square 1 Art paper order form)
 - Expenses
 - \$236.94 Laura Taylor Conference meals
 - \$2277.50 Eaton's Fresh Pizza
 - \$449.94 Square 1 Art
 - \$235.00 Madelyn Hines (Teacher Appreciation Gifts)
- Boys Scout Update
 - Geo-caching in the Woodland Prairie Park
 - 3 mile hike requirement at Thousand Island last weekend.
 - Pinewood Derby workshop for kids who didn't have an opportunity to build so they can participate in the Derby at the American Legion.

- Memorial Day Parade will be back and they should be walking in that.
- Social Update
 - No current updates to give.
- Playground Project Funds
 - Diane surveyed the teachers to find out what they think is a higher priority: the two highest items was a shade area on the playground and get rid of the pea gravel.
 - Rich contacted to find out pricing for rubber floor and \$10,000 would cover about 330 sq ft. We are looking at probably approx 3,000 square feet for the entire project.
 - Some of the other teacher comments focused on creating outdoor classrooms and making the playground more inclusive.
 - Diane suggested since these are larger projects, maybe we need to start researching grants to focus on playgrounds and also grants to assist with ADA requirements.
 - Michele is going to contact someone she knows who can point us in the direction of where and how to get grants to make our playground more inclusive and the process for it.
 - Tina said she also have experience with grant writing from her job and would be willing to volunteer to assist in the process.
 - It was decided that both the highest items are larger items and its definitely we just shouldn't put off because its only going to get more expensive. We will maybe focus some specific fundraisers on meeting that goal, but then also doing small projects along the way.
 - Two projects we will look on improving in the next few months are replacing basketball hoops, including putting in one that is lower for the younger grade levels and look into a wheelchair accessible swing.
- Square 1
 - Alanna shared that total sales were \$4152.25 which exceeded their goal of \$3500. Delivery is supposed to be May 6th and she will coordinate with Diane on how to execute Pick up for families.
 - Jessica DeDecker will be taking over for Square1 for next year
- Open Position on PTO Board and Square 1
 - Vice President Position Open due to Noelle's family moving out of the district.
 - Laura will write up a Schoology post saying we are looking for someone to fill that position and will be taking nominations until next month's meeting.
 - Laura did suggest that we also discuss implementing term limits to help encourage other families to get involved.
- Next Year (Budget, fundraisers...)
 - We are going to table until next meeting
- Additional Business
 - Laura shared that the Teacher Appreciation Committee applied for a grant from Pick N Save to help offset the cost of some of their planned activities. It hasn't been approved yet. She is asking if they have permission to go over the \$200 approved previously so they can move on finalizing plans while waiting for this grant. The most they are looking at is probably \$100. It was approved.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.