

PTO meeting minutes
1-8-2020

Call to order 6:30pm

No new members to report.

Paint night will take place 1-31. Flyers have gone home. \$6 per person, all materials included. Light snacks will be served. There will be two sessions with 40 max per session.

Holiday Happenings/Santa sale. We have started shopping for next year to build up inventory. We found that the dot pricing system worked well so more dots have been purchased to continue this system next year.

Westie wear has had lots of requests for orders. A form will go out soon to see just how many items will be requested for order. After we gather numbers we will then choose which vendor to go with.

United skated event still need a chair! We are trying to book 4-23 which is a Thursday night during vacation. We are hopeful that we will get the 100 people needed to make this event happen.

June family dance Committee meeting will take place on 1-19 at 2pm at Bean Barn. If you are interested in helping with this event please either let Jen K know or come to the meeting.

Treasurer's report is as follows: bank has been reconciled through 11-30-19. December event deposits will be reported in the final at the February meeting. We will be running a second fundraiser in the spring to make up for the difference from the walk-a-thon being less than anticipated. Cherrydale has reached out to us and we have reached out to Boone supply. More on this at the February meeting. New software is being researched to be used by the PTO or reconciled each month. Some testing will be done on software that is more tailored to the PTOs use. PTO today has a software that is \$109 annually. It had a free trial period so this is being used now to see what we want to transfer to.

The slate for new board members was presented as follows:

President Jen Koczan

Secretary Amanda Auble

Treasurer Jessica Rhule

Steph Pope made a motion to vote this new board in. Jessica DeBoer 2nd. No opposed. Motion carried.

A strong urge to find others to step up to help the board of the PTO was talked about. Inviting other parents you may know to come to meetings. Maybe having a grade level liaison to help reach out to those parents was also discussed.

Principals report:

Book fair raised \$7,500 for our school! We took scholastic points getting \$3,500 worth of books for our library. We now have one librarian for our school which will help immensely with getting our books in order and updated.

The school received 11 new students in January!

Teachers meet with Mrs. A two times a month during planning time and one faculty meeting a month to work on goals and improve curriculum. 4th grade has been working in 5 groups to improve math skills needed to solve complicated multi step problems. They have been working on talking about the problem instead of focusing on the numbers as first. K and 1st have been working on daily math routines to get better at number sense. Reading and writing teachers have been looking at RICAS scores to see where things are falling short. It has been noticed that our current text is not rigorous enough. 5th grade has been piloting a new curriculum sanctioned by the RI Department of Education. Grades 2-5 are being asked to read at least one chapter book in a trimester. Mrs. A is hoping to roll out all this new curriculum over the course of the next school year.

A motion was made by Steph Pope to adjourn the meeting at 7:10. 2nd by Jess Rhule.