

PTO Meeting Minutes February 2022

Attendees: Julie Hartman, Denise Seabold, Carrie Starr, Amber Daubs, Jordan Hanrahan, Jo Klopp, Emily Cornish, Gena Garcia, Angela, Suzi Fesler, Jeff Wagner, Jenny Struthers, Hadil, Svanik,

Treasurers report: Movie Night raffle - didn't raise any money, very low attendance

Principals update: Ambassadors project -This year the Wickham Ambassadors are leading a building wide service project to create bedtime boxes for students in need. These boxes will contain essential items that kids need in order to prepare for and get a good night's sleep. We are partnering with the **Houses into Homes Organization** who will support us in getting the boxes out to the community.

We are asking for specific donations from each grade level (see below). If you are interested in donating, please send the following item/s the week of **February 14th-18th**:

Grade K and 1: Books (picture books/chapter books for K-6 students)

Grade 2: Stuffed Animal or Night Light

Grade 3 and 4: Blanket (twin size)

Grade 5 and 6: Pajamas (Kids XS/Size 4-XL/14-16)

We are accepting **new** items only - thank you.

We have a goal of **60** bedtime boxes, and if we reach our goal we will earn a school-wide Pajama Day! Thank you so much for all your donations and support.

Parent teacher conferences Feb 24th and March 1st

Faculty presentations

- Mr Hanrahan - 4th grade - learning fractions, opinion essays and a leaders google slides presentation and state research projects will be starting soon, Science = energy unit and social studies will focus on the State of Iowa.
- Mrs Starr - 4th grade
- Mrs Klopp - ELP - overview of what kids in different grade levels are doing in ELP

Playground update

Currently awaiting quotes/bids. PTO equipment purchase won't be occurring till 2023 (fiscal or academic year). (add info from email from Amber). After bids the kids will get a chance to vote on two options.

Outdoor learning area update: Yes Wickham on the list for 2024. Outdoor learning area details will be announced closer to the time when we know more.

Movie night update

Low attendance and we think due to current movies going to streaming and cold weather being reasons for low attendance. We will likely table Movie Night going forward.

Survey results

We had 49 responses. Bingo night 34/49 likely/very likely to attend. Science Fair 50% likely to participate. WGT 50/50 likely unlikely. End of Year Picnic/Carnival majority favorable responses.

We did get some volunteers - 27 people volunteered.

Open comments

- asked about World Wide Wickham - likely will hold off this year - more likely next year.
- Had a handful of comments wanting outside events and masking at any indoor events
- Bring back the Silent Auction
- Spanish Club - likely next year
- Overnight school sleepover
- Olympic Day - competitions - perhaps incorporate this into the picnic

Jenny is willing to lead/chair a Bingo night. She wants to do it relatively soon. Jenny will find out when we can have the gym and set up tables. Can try and get some prizes donated and/or set a budget and buy a few items as prizes.

Jenny to email about getting dates for Bingo and the End of Year picnic. Custodian expenses and other expenses will have to be figured out. We need to start planning as other schools are planning events like this with food trucks.

Discussion on having it closer to the end of the year, suggested May but this can be tough with so many activities going on. Jenny will check with Travis and see what dates are available. A Friday night in May might work. Also lighter longer. Potentially want Saturday but Jenny to check on availability.

Other schools doing indoor and outdoor activities. Could have a silent auction in one indoor space.

Science Fair - lets do in person, could require masks. Combined with Bingo night might be too much. Possibly have it in April.

Bingo March, SF April, EYP - May - Jenny to look at dates with Coralville Rec.

New business items

Dunn Brothers - Sara working on March 1st

Mellow Mushroom - Feb 24th.

Orders

KG roundup t shirts

Quote for sound system quote for the gym

Replacement filters for Air Purifiers.

Vote for gym tech as we have a good number on the call today. A preliminary estimate of \$5000 which is a larger gift than usual but will benefit everyone in the school it will be a good investment for the school.

Sound system technology update - currently the district provides a small white board and projector. Penn elementary has a ceiling mounted projector and have a white space for projection on the wall along with the main screen beam which is in a protected box mounted on the wall.

Suggesting asking for a budget limit up to \$6000.

Jenny S makes motion for providing \$6000 for gym tech, seconded by Jeff W. Unanimously approved.

Request made for KG STEAM tables and after exec board discussion we will not be focusing on funding this as it only focuses on 1 grade only. Trying to currently focus larger PTO gifts to go towards the playground currently.

Questions/comments. - thanks to teachers for coming to meeting

Next PTO meeting Tuesday March 8th 2022