

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom, Thursday, October 22, 2020

Starting Time: 6:04 pm

Board Members Present: Amy Hammon, Allison Boccaccio, Deb Hossenlopp, Melissa Summerlee

Other Members Present: Listed Separately

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Financial Overview
 - a. PTO Purchases
 - b. Business Partners
3. Important Upcoming Events
4. Committee Chairs
 - a. 5th Grade Committee
 - b. Yearbook Committee
5. Administrative Update from Mrs. Price
6. Q&A

Welcome

1. Amy welcomed everyone to our 2nd meeting and encouraged all attendees to please reach out to any of the PTO Board members with questions, ideas or suggestions.

Financial Overview

1. Deb Hossenlopp reviewed September financials and made attendees aware that financials are posted online at the PTO's website.
2. PTO Purchases- The PTO purchased Gecko Magnets for Gecko Awards, Recess Equipment, Custodial Cart and Cricut, which can be used by parent volunteers once we are allowed back on campus.
3. Business Partners- Deb Hossenlopp reviewed the list of Business Partners, which continues to do well. Smileworks renewed as Platinum Sponsors, Tana Moody moved from Silver Sponsor to Platinum Sponsor and Varone Orthodontics renewed as Gold Sponsors.

Upcoming Events

1. Kawha Coffee Spirit Event will be taking place November 2nd from 7:30 – 10:30 am
2. Pumpkin Carve Contest is taking place October 21st – 30th. Participants can post pictures on Facebook or Instagram and tag Willis Elementary or send to PTO via email. Please include your Child's Name, Grade and Teacher.
3. Gourds and Geckos Spirit Night Event being hosted by Alice's Table, Two Blooms will take place on 10/28 via Zoom.
4. Picture Day will be October 29th. E-Learners will be included and details will be sent out from their teachers.
5. October 30th is Dress Down Day.
6. October 30th begins our Virtual Book Fair.

Outstanding Committee Chairs that need to be filled:

1. 5th Grade Committee- There are Volunteers for the 5th Grade Committee, although there is no specific chair. Right now the activities that can be planned are limited. Robin Kornett is working on 5th Grade shirts and Courtney Kennedy is working on putting together a flier to gather pictures of the 5th graders,
2. Yearbook Committee- Looking for a chair for yearbook committee. Mrs. Ison has offered to help. Lifetouch will be our resource for yearbook. May to look to some 5th grade volunteers to help with yearbook. Michela Baratta volunteered at meeting to help with the yearbook.

Update from Mrs. Price

1. Runners Club will be starting in November. Details to follow from Coach Morales and Coach Frisbee.
2. Mrs. Price is hopeful that we will be able to do some sort of Walk-A-Thon, possibly in the spring.
3. Mrs. Price discussed the interactive boards that Allison found online as possible PTO purchase. When discussing the boards with teachers, many are currently unsure on how and where they would be used. Also concerned about waning interest from students.

4. Mrs. Price provided information that was discussed at the recent SAC meeting that the State of Florida had not yet approved funds for continuation of eLearning beyond the current quarter. Mrs. Price and the SAC committee encouraged those interested to reach out to the Department of Education to please make that decision sooner than later so that both schools and parents can plan accordingly. The PTO Board sent a letter as well.
5. Mrs. Price confirmed that the state does plan to continue with FSA testing. This is being decided at a federal level.

Q & A

1. Amy asked attendees what they were looking to see from the board and what types of events would they be interested in participating in. Attendees were encouraged to email her.
2. Amy reminded attendees of the upcoming Geckos & Gourds Event and Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm