



April 17 2025

Attendees:

Sam Beebe
Jackie Elmore
Nicole Delaney
Jen Beirau
Kathy Price

Daddy Daughter Dance

535 Tickets were sold, the dance came in under budget and a \$7,000 profit was made. The dance will continue at Harvest church.

Fun Run

The school raised just over \$70,000. The weather was amazing and parents enjoyed being in the middle of the field being able to watch their kids run. PTO had lots of positive feed back from staff with switching the Field Day and Fun Run dates.

A suggestion of having Fun Run in February was made due to taking advantage of an end of the year tax right off.

PTO had NO sponsorships. Get Movin' was used for the fundraising website and the PTO Board recommends continuing to use it.

Staff Appreciation

Big thank you to Marni Naumann, Melissa Summerlee and Sharon Hopkins for all their hardworking chairing Staff Appreciation. Thank you to Monika Morgan for decorating. Almost all meals were donated with two new businesses donating, 3 Natives and CPK. Dana Collette spoke on behalf of Willis staff and thanked everyone for all they did for Staff Appreciation week, the staff was very grateful.

Beautification Day

Over 150 plants were planted which included 4 new palm trees. Thanks to K-Kids and families for coming to help plant. The day came in under budget. Thanks to Dave Kincaid for organizing and to Jersey Girl Bagels for the donation of bagels.

Mother/Son

Mother/Son will be held on May 15th at PopStroke. Holly Thomas is chairing this event and communication will be sent out this week.

Family Day

Family Day will be held on May 10th at the Bradenton Marauders. This day is specifically for Willis. The price of the ticket includes food and a hat. It is also Star Wars Night with fireworks.

5th Grade Committee

Allison Boccaccio thanked the 5th grade committee for all their hard work. The 5th Grade field trip is on May 16th at Urban Air in Tampa. They have hired charter buses to take them there.

The Graduation Video is complete with baby photos. The portrait wall is going up next week. The Graduation Ceremony will be on May 20th at Braden River High School.

Treasurer Report

PTO is getting quotes on a sun shade for PE. Also looking into the possibility of a Barn Building as an alternative.

We gained 1 new Platinum sponsor in April and have decided to extend it thru next year.

Jen Beirau spoke to why we didn't have a Gala this year - Gala is a lot of work and a lot of money. Last years Gala made \$5500, this year with the introduction of family banners, we made \$5500.

Spring book fair didn't happen due to supply chain issues and the supplier being affected by the hurricanes in NC since that is where they are based out of.

Trunk or Treat

PTO reiterated that Trunk or Treat didn't happen this year due to logistics. The staff was surveyed and didn't want to participate this year. Several other alternatives were suggested as well. PTO/Administration does not take cancelling events lightly, a lot of talks and considerations are made before it happens.

Principals Report

Mrs. Price said there is not an update on a new Principal yet. She said that her recommendation to the new Principal will be to let things stay the same.

She reminded everyone that the PTO Nomination deadline is today and that PTO Elections are on May 8th. She went on to say that the PTO is not a circus, and that solicitation for votes shouldn't happen. Mrs. Pham will be getting the bios from all candidates.

Volunteer breakfast will be held on May 14 at 8:45am. Chick Fil-A will be provided. Mrs. Price thanked those who volunteer on PTO and SAC. She thanked the current PTO Board and said that they have been a pleasure to work with and wants it to be a smooth transition for the new Principal. She reiterated that anyone running for PTO should be absolutely sure that this is something you want to do.

Allison Boccaccio reminded everyone that the job of PTO is to bring everyone together and to support school and staff.

Mrs. Price told everyone that changes were coming to being able to Volunteer status. She said it is possible that next year every parent needs to be a Level 2 volunteer.

A request was made for PTO nominations blurb to be put into the Sunday Communications email on 4/25

Next PTO meeting is on May 8th, Voting starts at 4pm meeting starts at 5pm

Next coffee truck is covered by PTO thanks to all the donations made during staff appreciation week.

Attendees:

Megan Ribbens
Jenny Kincaid
Nikki Roenicke
Allison Boccaccio
Jessica Blondell
Bianca Burkee
Sarah Horvath
Hilary Varona
Marni Naumann
Melissa Summerlee
Colleen Aversa
Cindy Pham
Jennifer King