



## **Willis Elementary PTO Minutes**

**12/5/23**

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Starting time: 5:03 PM

Alie Freund, Jessica Tripoli, Colleen Laughlin, Mindy Buckley,  
Kathy Price & Dr.Katie Fradley

3<sup>rd</sup> PTO Meeting 2023/2024

1) Welcome Everyone (Alie Freund)

- Thank you all for coming (Mrs. Price)
- Bubble Run- very successful with a ton of positive feedback from staff, students & volunteers. Thank you again to the chairs Sarah & Brittnee. The PTO is able to purchase much needed Turf for the back playground area, along with supporting teachers with continued education programs. The students earned prizes school wide of a sports dress day, extra recess & Popsicle party. Also, be on the look out for a visit from the North Pole Elves. (Mrs.Price & Dr Fradley)
- January will be Literacy month- it is encouraged to decorate class doors for the theme. Please keep the decorating with in the guidelines

## 2) Committee Reports

- Holiday Shop (Missy Weinandy)

Starts next Tuesday 12/12 until Friday 12/15

-Price points for shopping are \$1-\$15, Cash & Checks will be accepted & there will be no tax added. There will be no preview day. You can view flyer online.

-Every child will be given a polar express ticket & sticker; the conductor will punch the ticket as they come into the media center

-Set up will start Tuesday morning after drop off, we will need several volunteers to help unbox & set up.

- Classes will start to come in Tuesday afternoon through Friday.

- Bubble Run (Brittnee Klicic)

Update- Goal was \$75,000, We ended up closer to \$65,000. Which is amazing! Thank you for your support & to all the volunteers. A key learning that should be adjusted for next year is to set goals as according to the number of students in the family. For example if there is more than one student in the family their goals should be higher than a family with a single student.

- Staff Appreciation- (Jackie Elmore/Samantha Bebe)

A huge thank you to the Spergl family for the Boars head Thanksgiving meal/lunch they provided the Willis staff, it truly was amazing. The staff really felt the love, even commenting one of the best meals. For December we will have a hot cocoa bar & candy cans along with some special deliveries

- Daddy Daughter- Jen Beirau

The dance will be held at Lakewood Ranch Baptist on 2/9 at 6-8 PM. More details to come.

- Gecko with a Claus (Michele Dalton & Michelle Merenda) 12/14 4:30-6:30 PM. Come see Santa, along with a stop at the Hot cocoa bar, letters to the north pole station, crafts & photos with Santa. The event is free or \$10 for 1 raw image taken by Photographer Michele Dalton. She will have professional props. You are free to use cellphones for pictures as well. Cash or QR code payment will be accepted at the event. Please RSVP for the event online for head count. Come dressed in your holiday attire cozy or fancy.

### 3) Budget & Finance Update (Colleen Laughlin)

- December statement matches to the penny
- Pencils & erasers purchased to support & surprise Oneco Elementary
- Operating Cost- Principal fund- Gift Cards & staff appreciation
- Mr.Violette's purchases with his media funds have cleared the bank account
- Please refer to financials posted online if you have any questions

### 4) Upcoming Events- 3 Months (Mindy Buckley)

- Holiday Shop 12/12-12/15
- Gecko with a Claus- 12/14 4:30-6:30, Families will also get the chance to shop the Holiday Shop. Any profits made from the Gecko with a Claus event will go to support Oneco Elementary- purchasing board games & indoor Recess equipment- such as jump ropes & hula hoops etc. The school is without a playground for up to the next two years, so we would like to give them support.
- Winter Wonderland- December 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Holiday attire, please see the flyer & keep it school appropriate
- STREAM Night- 1/26 4:30-6 more details to come

- Ooh LaLa- Daddy Daughter Dance 2/9 more details to come
- Book Fair- 2/12-2/16- more details to come Mr. Vioelette is working on this
- Munchies with Mom- 2/13 more details to come
- It's your Lucky Night 3/14 more details to come. For now if you can start thinking of businesses or friends that you may know that may want to give a donation or something to be auctioned off for the event please let us know
- Does anyone have ideas for the Mother/Son event? We are also open to doing it on a Friday or Saturday night. Suggestions were-Dodgeball event, Mother/Son field event, Kickball- Serving chips, water, soda, popcorn, cotton candy. Hot dogs. It also suggested if it were on a Saturday (day), no bugs or mosquitos. Livingston's or Bowling Alley in Sarasota or rent pinball machines? All great ideas to be passed on to the event chair

#### 5) Principal Report (Mrs. Price & Dr. Fradley)

- Bubble Run Recap
- Decorating doors- any wall or door can't be decorated more than 50%. Doors must be able to open & close all the way without an obstruction
- FAST testing is on the 12<sup>th</sup>; please have students arrive on time, Thank you in advance.
- Introduction of Mr. Cooper, Principal of Nolan Middle School. He will be speaking at the SAC meeting after the PTO meeting

#### 6) Teacher Report (Dana Eddy & Dana Collett)

- We are loving all of the staff support & appreciation

Meeting adjourned: 5:49



