

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Starting Time: 2:05pm

Board Members Present: Deb Hossenlopp, Valerie Demino, Dawn Barbour, Liz Johnson, Kathy Price, Billie-Jo Fintel

Other Members Present: Listed separately

Minutes Submitted by Liz Johnson

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Financial Overview
3. PTO Purchases Update
 - Technology
 - Playground Equipment
 - Professional Development
4. Upcoming Events
5. PTO By Laws
6. Open Board Positions

Financial Overview

1. Financials were available to those in attendance but can also be located online. There are still some items that are needing to be reconciled so there will be a more detailed update at our January meeting.

PTO Purchases Updates

Walk-A-Thon initiative kick off with Human Ice Cream Sundae was a big hit and the students had a lot of fun! WAT prizes are now underway.

Technology -

1. Interactive “whiteboards” have been ordered and purchased, with them expected to arrive in 6-8 weeks.
2. Chrome Books are scheduled to arrive tomorrow, Thursday November 21st.
3. Mrs. Price informed us that the district has labeled Willis as a priority school based on technology needs.
4. PTO is currently looking into purchasing 15 speakers for classrooms.

Playground Equipment

1. The kindergarten team will report back to PTO with ideas to update their playground. Mrs. Eddy said interest was shown in a triple shot and a low balance beam.
2. PTO is continuing research on the best way to install a tire swing for the older playground.
3. The school will provide a mat for the newly installed gaga pit, per Mrs. Price.

Professional Development

1. Mrs. Bradl will train some teachers to complete their gifted certification. PTO will pay for substitutes over those two days, which will cost approximately \$1600. This training will take place at Willis.

Upcoming Events

1. Holiday Shop planning is under way and Leslie Toscano and her committee are meeting later this week. Be on the lookout for a signup genius, as volunteers will be needed for setup, working the shop, and clean up.
2. Gena Martin spoke on behalf of the Spring Gala committee. She provided us with a budget, along with many ideas for the gala. It will be at Grove and an 80's theme this year! Liz Johnson to contact the district regarding the raffle situation. An e-mail was sent to administrators regarding the removal of all raffles from school sites. In the past this was a huge success and the kids have really enjoyed it. Parents expressed their concerns so Liz will contact the district to see if there is any way we can still make this happen.

PTO By Laws

1. PTO announced a few changes to the current By Laws that they would like to make. Some of these changes include how copies are obtained, how many years board members can serve, and a few changes to the duties of board members. At our January meeting, these changes will be discussed in detail and voted on at that time.

Meeting adjourned 2:45pm