

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 24, 2020

Starting Time: 2:00pm

Board Members Present: Deb Hossenlopp, Valerie Demino, Dawn Barbour, Liz Johnson, Kathy Price

Other Members Present: Listed separately

Minutes Submitted by Liz Johnson

Agenda:

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

Financial Overview/PTO Purchases Updates

1. **Technology/Interactive Boards** - Michelle Yocum presented a demonstration of the new interactive boards, purchased by the PTO. The boards have arrived and have been installed into 12 classrooms. Our goal is to get them into each classroom over the next couple of years, specifically with help from the district. These boards have built in sound, tablets that are able to mirror computer or other tablet devices and are able to connect to internet. Substitute teachers will be able to access teachers lesson plans with these boards. Both teachers and students are excited for these new technology tools!
2. **Playground Equipment** - Deb Hossenlopp reminded parents about the petition that came from fourth grade students regarding the addition of a tire swing to the playground. She has looked into the tire swing option but is finding it to be expensive. The PTO Board is unsure if this is the best addition due to cost, safety, and the amount of kids it can serve at one time. PTO will continue to research the best options to update the playgrounds.

3. **Furniture Update** - PTO is purchasing 18 new chairs for the teachers' lounge, as the current ones are cracking and breaking. They will also purchase new chairs for the front office and lobby area. Jen Hirons, from Modern Spaces (Willis parent) is donating \$1500 and her time to get these ordered for us. They will be ordered in the upcoming week and should take 3-4 weeks to be delivered.

Upcoming Events

1. **Father/Daughter Dance** - Denise West reported that things were going smoothly as we approach the dance. She will need volunteers Friday from drop off to the end of school. Volunteers can help all day or any amount of time they can give. Denise has someone in the county looking into fire marshal capacity of all schools out East to give us ideas for next year.
2. **Spring Fundraiser/80's Bash** - Amy Hammon is excited for this event and finalizing all the details. Tickets are on sale now and room moms are beginning to assemble Silent Auction baskets. The Gecko Fun Cards are also now on sale for the staff fun experiences. They will be on sale online, at the park after school, spirit night, and at the event. Volunteers will be needed any time after 11 am on the day of the event - at the Grove. Amy stated there will be some "surprises" at the event, including bling rings and a chance to win a \$500 UTC Gift Card.
3. **Book Fair/Muffins for Mom** - Book Fair will be March 9-12 and Muffins will be on Tuesday, March 10.
4. **Field Day** - May 15. More information to come after we wrap up the Spring Fundraiser.
5. **Staff Appreciation** - Emily McLauchlan has everything already in place for the week, she will just need to pick a theme and decorate! She will need volunteers that week during the breakfasts and lunches for the staff, stay tuned for more info! (first week in May)

Vote on By Laws

1. Those in attendance voted on bylaw changes. PTO will tally the votes after the meeting. Parents were reminded that ALL Board Positions will be open for next school year.

Meeting adjourned 2:45pm