

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:00 pm via Zoom

Starting Time: 6:03 pm

Board Members Present: Allison Boccaccio, Lindsay Markun, Mindy Buckley and  
Melissa Summerlee

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

**Agenda:** See attached

**PTO Update**

1. Color Run
  - a. The Color Run was a huge success and Willis raised \$80,000+
  - b. New playground was ordered and the hope is it will be installed over Spring Break.
  - c. PTO will be in contact with the County vendor to order a shade structure.
  - d. ADA accessible picnic tables will also be ordered.
  - e. Prize letters for Color Run will be going out next week.
  - f. Prize dates are currently scheduled as follows:
    - i. 12/10- Muffins with Mrs. Mau
    - ii. 1/25- Ninja Warrior Course & Movie Night
    - iii. 1/28- Ice Cream Party
    - iv. 2/25- Pancakes with Mrs. Price
    - v. 3/10- High Touch/High Tech in school Field Trip.
2. Holiday Shop
  - a. Using Penguin Patch as the new vendor this year.
  - b. Dates for Holiday shop moved from 12/6-12/10 to 12/13-12/17 to coincide with Winter Wonderland Week at school.
  - c. Items are very affordable for the kids to shop for everyone
  - d. Penguin Patch does send free items for children without shopping funds to shop from.
  - e. Promotes giving
  - f. A few volunteer spots still open
3. Decorating Committee
  - a. The Decorating Committee has been doing an amazing job setting up holiday and winter themed scenes around school.
  - b. Gingerbread Shop theme for the Holiday Shop
4. Manatee Apparel/Spirit Items
  - a. Willis received our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter rewards from Manatee Apparel-\$4k
  - b. Long Sleeve Polo shirts have been difficult to find due to supply chain issues. Currently not expected to be available until Feb. Manatee Apparel is continuing to look for other supply.

5. Financials-
  - a. Color Run money is still trickling in and final calculations are pending.
  - b. Remember to utilize AmazonSmile when shopping this season. .5% is given back to Willis when it is the designated charity.
  - c. Book Fair was a large success in the fall.
  - d. Financials are always posted online but feel free to reach out with any questions.
6. Father Daughter Dance
  - a. Scheduled for 1/29 (2/5 also considered)
  - b. Chair Persons- Ri Bizzaro and Eric Friedman
  - c. Sponsorships are a top priority to make this happen

### **Principal's Update**

1. ELA and Math curriculum adoption currently going on.
  - a. ELA will be for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - b. Math will be for all grades
2. Chromebooks
  - a. 75 new ones arrived to replace old computers
  - b. County sending 60 more for Kindergarten so that kids are 1 to 1 in all grades.
  - c. Most computer labs have been dismantled so kids can all have their own computers.
3. New Black board Connect System
  - a. Mass communication system to push messages out.
  - b. Will be able to send messages to more than one person in a family/household.
  - c. Will also be able to communicate instantly through social media.
  - d. Supposed to go live February.
4. Color Run
  - a. Color Run was a big success
  - b. Thank you to PTO Board and families for making it such a success and so much fun.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm