

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 2:15 pm

Starting Time: 2:16 pm

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

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

Agenda: See attached

1. PTO Update

a. New Playground Equipment

- i. Kompan came and installed the equipment over spring break.
- ii. Kids were a little hesitant as they learned how to use the new equipment but have grown confident with it.
- iii. Everyone seems to be loving the equipment and kids are excited to be out there playing on it.

b. Shade Structure

- i. County stipulations require that any shade structures be a certain height over the tallest piece of equipment. Because of the space net, the required height of the shade structure would render it useless
- ii. Looking for alternate shade options.
- iii. County vendor is currently booked through September.

c. Financials

- i. \$89k expense paid last month for playground equipment
- ii. April balance currently at \$76k
- iii. Upcoming expenses include director chairs for PE coaches, Mother/Son event, Gecko Café and Staff Appreciation Week

d. Staff Appreciation Week

- i. Sam Beebe is heading the committee
- ii. Theme Week flyer went out to room parents to distribute to classes.
- iii. Many vendors have been contacted
 1. Coffee Cart
 2. Michelle's Brown Bag
 3. Breakfast Company
 4. 5-0 Donuts
 5. Lemonade Stand
 6. PDQ
- iv. Volunteers will be needed to help with meals and treats each day—SignUp Genius will go out.

- v. Sign up for staff gift cards almost full
- e. Mother/Son Event
 - i. Shannon Savaglio is chairing this event.
 - ii. Scheduled for May 6th, from 6-8 pm.
 - iii. Theme is "Calling All Superheroes"
 - iv. Games will include Carnival Games, Sports Games, Video Games, Legos
 - v. Food will include hotdogs, popcorn, snow cones
 - vi. This event will require many volunteers and a SignUp Genius has gone out for volunteers to sign on. Great chance for Dads to get involved.
 - vii. Tickets are currently on sale now through Eventbrite.
- f. Gecko Cafe
 - i. Parent/Student lunch area will be moving to the side of the school that is currently just sand.
 - ii. Plans are to put in turf, move current tables and add an additional ADA accessible table and fence the area.
 - iii. Funds for the café are being raised through multiple mini fundraisers
 - 1. Parking spot raffle raised \$1000
 - 2. Custom tumblers and decals are currently on sale with all proceeds going to the Gecko Café.
 - 3. 50/50 raffle at Father/Daughter Dance raised about \$365.
 - iv. County contact is working to contact vendors that can install turf and fence.
- g. Manatee Apparel
 - i. Many new items on the Manatee Apparel site including new hats, teacher shirts, Willis Mom shirts, Polos for adults, and kids long sleeve rash guards.
 - ii. Limited Edition Color Run Shirts and Socks have been ordered and paid for. We are waiting for their arrival and will distribute as soon as we get them in.
- h. 5th Grade Committee
 - i. Plans are all set for celebration ceremony which will take place at Braden River High School
 - ii. 5th grade party is planned. There will be a giant water slide, teacher dunk tank, inflatable "ax" throwing
 - iii. There are some 4th grade volunteers helping with graduation
- i. Retirement announcements
 - i. Mrs Mau is retiring at the end of the school year.
 - ii. Mrs. Brieding is retiring this week, April 14th.
 - iii. Ms Scherpf is retiring at the end of the school year.

- iv. Melissa Summerlee is completing her time on the board and not running this year.
- j. Volunteer Breakfast
 - i. Thank you breakfast for volunteers, committee chairs and room parents will take place May 24th from 8:45-9:30 am
 - ii. PTO's way of thanking all of the volunteers that make all of the events happen at Willis
- k. Principal's Update
 - i. Thank you to the PTO Board for all the hard work this year
 - ii. Thank you to Mrs. Mau. Mrs. Price has worked with her for many years and it was a seamless transition when she came to Willis.
 - iii. District is going through all of the district vacancies. Principal positions will be filled first and then Assistant Principal positions will be filled.
 - iv. Kids are loving the new playground equipment. Recess discipline has decreased too.
- l. Board Elections
 - i. Thank you to the current board members for their service and thank you to everyone that applied to be on the board.
 - ii. Ballots will be passed out. Some candidates provided information on why they want to run.
 - iii. Candidates running are
 - 1. President- Allison Boccaccio
 - 2. Vice President- Lindsay Markun
 - 3. Secretary- Maria Bizzaro & Allison Freund
 - 4. Treasurer- Mindy Buckley & Kimberly Larson
 - iv. Election Results
 - 1. President- Allison Boccaccio
 - 2. Vice President- Lindsay Markun
 - 3. Secretary- Maria Bizzaro
 - 4. Treasurer- Mindy Buckley
 - v. Congratulations to all the board members

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm