

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Thursday, September 24, 2020

Starting Time: 2:00 pm

Board Members Present: Amy Hammon, Allison Boccaccio, Deb Hossenlopp, Melissa Summerlee

Other Members Present: Listed Separately

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Financial Overview
 - a. PTO Purchases
 - b. Business Partners
3. Update from Mrs. Price
4. Open Committee Chairs
 - a. 5th Grade Committee
 - b. Yearbook Committee
5. Spirit Events
6. Q&A

Welcome

1. Each PTO Board Member introduced themselves and provided attendees with some background information.

Financial Overview

1. Deb Hossenlopp reviewed financials and made attendees aware that financials are posted online at the PTO's website.
2. PTO Purchases- The PTO purchased an air purifier for the clinic, hand sanitizing stations, Making Meaning workbooks, banners, coffees and pastries for teachers on 1st day of school, new Janitorial cart, Cranium Core reading program for Mr. Violette and a Cricut that can be used by volunteers
3. Business Partners- Deb Hossenlopp reviewed the list of Business Partners. PTO board emphasized the desire to continue to support local businesses in this tough economy, especially those owned by Willis families.

Update from Mrs. Price

1. Patrols are back. Mrs. Thomas is overseeing the program. There will be 125 patrols over the course of the year and they are rotated quarterly. Patrols will assist with keeping an eye on hallways and outside areas. Help with walkers and drop off area. Mrs. Price discussed the possibility of a Friday patrol shirt but it may be too difficult and expensive to try.
2. 5th Grade shirts will be purchased separately by funds raised from Dress Down Days.
3. Current school drop off procedures are working well and Mrs. Price may continue these procedures even after Covid precautions are lifted.

Outstanding Committee Chairs that need to be filled:

1. 5th Grade Committee- Dress Down Days will proceed with money going to 5th grade committee. The 5th Grade Committee Chair will work with the 5th Grade teacher(s) to help with any events that are allowed to take place this year. Allison Boccaccio will be the point person and all interested volunteers should email her.
2. Yearbook Committee- Many unknowns with yearbook at this stage but the PTO board would like to find someone interested in chairing this position in the hopes that Willis is able to proceed with a yearbook this year.

Spirit Events/Fundraisers

1. Ideas were discussed with some being suggested as Spirit Nights vs. School Fundraisers. Amy asked attendees to reach out to her regarding interest in events as well as with any ideas or suggestions members had.
2. Amy discussed the upcoming Gourds and Geckos Spirit Night Event being hosted by Alice's Table, Two Blooms on 10/28. Registration must be completed by 10/16.

Q & A

1. Amy asked attendees what they were looking to see from the board and what types of events would they be interested in participating in. Attendees were encouraged to email her.

2. Mrs. Price and Deb Hossenlopp provided additional information on how the 5th Grade Committee works. Deb mentioned that prior committee members would be happy to answer questions for anyone interested.
3. Mrs. Price let attendees know that Mrs. Ison would be willing to volunteer as a resource for the yearbook committee.
4. Mrs. Price informed attendees that kids would be allowed to wear costumes for Halloween with details to follow.
5. Amy thanked Shannon McCoy and Renee Eichelberger for the work they do on behalf of Willis and the Board.
6. Amy concluded the meeting by encouraging anyone to reach out to any board members with ideas or questions

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm