

1155 Westwood Street · De Pere, WI 54115 · 920/337-1087 PTO Meeting Minutes February 4, 2025 6 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by President Katie Bloks. Mission read. Introductions done.
- II. Attendance: Katie Bloks, Amanda Kriescher, Alicia Meagher, Jackie Markowski, Alee Bildings, Becky Fourness, Kristin Krahn
- III. Mission Statement Review: To support the education of children at Westwood Elementary and foster relationships among the school, parents, and teachers. We do this by providing important resources and opportunities that enhance the lives of the students, teachers, staff and parents.

IV. Reports

- a. President's Report Response to teacher appreciation was great. Lots of thank you emails. We should do more handmade treats, it went over really well.
- b. Treasurer's Report. Sara was not in attendance.
 - i. Budget. January Funds in \$497.65. January Funds out \$5,000.00. Starting to get money in for the golf outing.
 - ii. Jackie made a motion to approve the budget, Becky second. All approved.
- c. Principal's Report. The staff really appreciated the goodies from PTO. Kristin and Jay also appreciate it. Kristin and Jay did a cereal bar in between the two weeks PTO did treats for. The prep and planning is in the works for Math night, which is on March 17th as Pi day is on a Friday. We will discuss any need/help from the PTO at the March meeting help with meals, games and prizes. The reading assessments went really well, there was a good system.
- d. Funds Request
 - i. 1st grade field trip paid out \$1000 in January.
- e. Committee Chair Updates
 - i. Teacher Appreciation
 - 1. March- scratch offs. Katie will take care of getting these.
 - ii. Takeout Tuesday Chair (Amanda)
 - 1. May 2nd. Amanda got the go-ahead for TakeOut day with Scott's for May 2nd.
 - iii. Apparel Sale update (Katie)
 - 1. Apparel available in store now.
 - New hat bar for next year back to school table. Katie talked about doing a hat bar for the open house next school year. Do custom patches on hats, something to think about. Hope reached out to Katie. Be a fun thing to offer.
 - 3. Golf outing (Amanda and Jackie). Amanda gave a recap of the golf committee meeting. Next meeting is Feb. 18th at the Abbey.
 - iv. Seroogys(Melissa and Skylar). Things have changed now cannot do any fundraisers for 3 weeks prior to Easter. With Easter on April 20th, we will have forms go home March 4th, due March 19th, place order on March 21st for pick up April 4th, sort April 7th or 8th and distribute on April 9th.

- a. Scholarship-Melissa/Jackie. Nothing to report.
- b. volunteer opportunities. Nothing to report.

VI. New Business

- a. Alee Discussion over doing more for the kids as feels we do a lot for the teachers and people are not feeling like they know what the PTO does. Suggested to have a PTO calendar so parents know what is going on.
- b. Discussed and brainstormed what this could look like:
 - i. Student of the week per grade. (Krisin)
 - ii. Fancy lunches.
 - iii. Award for clean lockers.
 - iv. Something more for Play 60.
 - v. Treats outside freezer pops volunteers to cut them.
 - vi. ABC countdown to end of year movie surprises
 - vii. BINGO night. get a prize. For family nights. with snacks.
 - viii. Family bowling night January. Tie in a fundraiser with it.
 - ix. Knome game nights. To get to know other parents and their kids.
 - x. Stations in the lunch room Crafts or activities.
- c. Do a test run day before Spring Break trial run.
- d. Adjournment Next meeting: March 4, 6:00 p.m.