

November 16, 2023 Schalm ASK PTO Meeting Minutes
Meeting Conducted In-Person

Attendees (15): Heather Todero, Kimmy Gabrys, Nicole Bye, Nicole Wright, Erin Tinsley, Kelly Pearson, Jen Skridilis, Stephanie Calverley, Angela Hamilton, Teri Drake, Danielle Titus, Amy Colon, Salisa Savel, Daniel Ewald, Bianca Sines

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

President's Report by Heather Todero

We had a great month! Trunk or treat was fun, the fall fundraiser went well. Members of the PTO boards from Schalm and Kenwood have started meeting to discuss creating the new PTO. We are beginning with current bylaws for both PTOs and figuring out what we want them both to be.

Secretary's Report by Nicole Wright

Review of October 2023 minutes. Amendment to the Holiday Shop. Actual dates are December 4th and 5th. Motion to approve by Jen Skridilis, seconded by Teri Drake.

Treasurer's Report by Kimmy Gabrys

Many teachers have not used their classroom budgets. They receive \$200 for classroom supplies, an additional \$150 for field trips. We exceeded our Spirit Wear goal! Motion to approve by Teri Drake, seconded by Jen Skridilis. Motion to increase fees budget by \$400 by Heather Todero, seconded by Salisa Savel. Motion to approve increased Spirit Wear goal to \$1200 by Nicole Bye, seconded by Salisa Savel.

School Board Report by Daniel Ewald

Sales of Schalm and Baker are still up for discussion. The need for bussing for the 23-24 school year is up for debate due to school changes.

Principal's Report by Bianca Sines

Thank you for the money for CKLA supplies. Thank you also for the breakfast during PD days. Thanksgiving break is coming soon. 99% of parents participated in conferences this year! Lots of discussions regarding furniture designs for the new building. There has been a mock-up and will be presented to the board soon.

Staff Report by Kelly Pearson.

Thank you for the snacks, they lasted a week. Very appreciated.

New Business/Committee Reports

- **Fall Fundraiser** Thank you for participation and help sorting.
- **Trunk or Treat** Went very well. Supplies came in under budget. Thank you to everyone who set up a car and donated candy. Everyone had a lot of fun!
- **Teacher Appreciation** Lounge was stocked last week. Please let us know if there is ever a busy time that would be most helpful to stock during.

- **Spirit Wear** Orders are all placed, then pulled together by the PTO, then sent to the vendor, so there is about a 3 week turnaround time. We should have orders by the end of the month.
- **Assemblies** Mad Science-12/1. All students are getting goody bags at the end of the day.
 - March is Reading Month- looking into local authors to come in at very reasonable rates. Both potential authors offer discounted books. If we can add to the budget, we could get books for every student for \$2000. Potentially looking to increase the assembly budget at a future date.
- **Holiday Shop** Flyer will go out tomorrow or Monday. Envelopes and packets will go out after Thanksgiving. Set-up will be 12/1, shop days are 12/4 and 12/5 after school and in the evening.
- **Carnival** Items are starting to be collected for auction. Once the holiday shop is over, we will start focusing on carnival.
- **Dine to Donates**
 - **Detroit Burger Bar 12/15 All Day** Flyer will go home after the holidays.
 - **Mojave Cantina 1/15**
 - **Whiskey Taco Foxtrot in spring**
 - We will split proceeds with Kenwood.
- **Popcorn Sales** We may do one in December, depending on volunteers. We are looking to provide popcorn for all, with a suggested \$1 donation. Will need to have an opt-out for parents who don't want their child to have it. Is there a preferable day with the school calendar to do it or not? Mrs. Sines will get back to us on it. Probably not an issue. Date TBD soon.
- **Christmas in Clawson** Big thank you to Jen Tucker and Sarah Smith for doing all of the yard signs! The show was a big success. Less was made than last year due to less space/crafters, but not much less. Thank you to all of the volunteers, it is all volunteer run and is a huge fundraiser for all Clawson schools. Thank you Kimmy for coordinating for us!
- **Other fundraiser/activity ideas**
- **Committee Leads/Board Officers**

Open Discussion

Question from Daniel Ewald: Is there going to be a carnival in the future at the new elementary school?

Answer: The boards are working on figuring out which events will stay from each school. We would like to come up with new traditions, as well. Kenwood has a fall festival that is the same.

Kenwood's next meeting is 1/10/24 at 6:30 p.m. in the media center.

Door prizes Salisa Savel and Erin Tinsley

Meeting adjourned: 7:23 p.m.