

Will Rogers PTO Minutes
October 5, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Will Rogers Multipurpose Room

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - A. Attendees: Elizabeth Sharp, Whitney Janzen, Cierra Nance, Jules Chancey, Allison Jennings, Erin Robichaux, Mike Stutzman, Mac Maddox, Shawn McElroy, Kelby Brown, Abby Brown, Nina Cuthbertson, Melody Edwards, Michelle Magnusson, Lauryn Proud, Amanda Bodine, Mallory Stulce, Anissa Angier-Dunn
- II. Principal's Remarks (Anissa Angier-Dunn)
 - A. Thank you for what the PTO is doing. The Fundraiser has been surprising and the ideas have been great this year. The Adventure lunch was a big hit with the kids.
 - B. School performances are coming up. She wants to get risers for the stage. Jules and Shawn are going to check with their churches about borrowing some.
 - C. Wants to look at getting matching t-shirts for each grade. This could be used for performances and then field trips. She is going to talk to Mr. Rigsby about his \$1,000 budget.
- III. Approve September Minutes (Michelle Magnusson)
 - A. Motion Whitney, Second Erin
- IV. Budget Update (Lauryn Proud)
 - A. Current Balance: \$38,412.30
- V. Fundraising & Events
 - A. Fall Fundraiser (Lauryn Proud)
 - a. We should start planning in the summer. We need benchmarks, events, and activities approved in advance where possible. We did have to wait for district approval for several things. We should consider moving the fundraiser to coincide with a different part of the month, or have the festival towards the end of the fundraiser. Communication to teachers needs to be improved. We should create a communication plan for PTO/Admin in advance. We can also put signs out front for the duration of the fundraiser to increase awareness. Perhaps safety patrols could hold signs. We should collect stories from families to share. We should also be more specific about where the money is going (playground is vague). We are currently at \$15,606 which is the most we've raised in recent years. Should we do more incentives or incorporate a competition or more celebrations? With communication, the incentives (match) with deadlines motivated some to give. Whitney is walking the car line Friday and needs a sign.
 - B. Fall Festival Debrief (Brynn Mays)
 - a. We broke even on the fall festival. We have received a lot of positive feedback about the event. Guests loved all of the free offerings. The inflatables and food were more expensive this year. We have a sponsor for inflatables next year. We made \$500 from the silly string alone. Suggestions included having more face painters and balloon animals.
 - C. Movie Night (Jules Chancey)

- a. Jules has been organizing movie night. Everything looks good for power. The weather may be windy and cold, so the backup plan will be to hold it in the cafeteria. We will have a costume exchange in the PreK hallway. We will do popcorn for free. Whitney is going to check supplies and plan accordingly.

VI. School Support & Activities

A. Yoga Proposal (Erin Robichaux)

1. Aubrey G offered to provide yoga classes. She has been practicing for 10 years and is currently studying yoga therapy. Emily and Mary Kay are interested in it. Anissa will bring this to her team.

B. Monthly Lunch with Grownups (Mallory Stulce)

1. Anissa wants to continue to call it Adventure Lunch and eat outside when possible (inform cafeteria in advance so they can plan accordingly (no Frito chili pie!)). We should play music in the cafeteria those days. PTO will purchase some blankets for the picnic days. First one in October will be inside in the cafeteria.

C. Playground Needs (Michelle Magnussun)

1. Whatever we buy, the district will install for us.

D. Kickball or some staff vs. student tradition (Michelle Magnusson)

1. Ideas suggested were gaga ball or volleyball in the gym. We could have a special field day and use the church's angel park.

E. Committee Updates (if needed)

1. School Beautification (Amanda Bodine)
2. PALS Room (Courtney Senti)
3. Staff Appreciation (Alicia Hale)
4. Bike to School & Bike Club (Michelle Magnusson)

F. School Beautification (Amanda Bodine)

1. We are working on plans for individual grades as well as mural ideas. Amanda needs a picture of all of the kids so she can send it off to have a wildcat graphic made from the photos. We could put this on the blue wall or on a library wall. It is moveable. Wants to put a book mural in the library but will wait until after potential changes to layout are made.

G. PALS Room (Cierra Nance)

1. She frequently has to get supplies from teachers. She is happy to provide a shelf with labels and supplies. There are penguin patch items still in the PALS room. We could put it out at movie night or sell at a Christmas event. Brynn is going to talk to the counselor about this.

H. Staff Appreciation (Alicia Hale)

1. Simply Falafel and City Bites have been ordered for conference nights.

VII. Any New Business, Questions, or Suggestions for Next Agenda

A. Thunder Night

1. Mac Maddox will set up a Wildcat night for November 3rd game. He will create a link and a graphic we can send out to the school. We can add any amount to the \$12 base ticket price and we keep those proceeds. We can have a "donate any

amount" box at checkout as well. Mac will work with Jenny to get everything set up.

B. Safety Committee

1. Mr. Rigsby wants to be more strategic about this committee. They meet once in the fall and once in the spring. They talk through concerns and safety procedures about anything safety related. Mallory Stulce will be the PTO liaison and anyone else interested in being on this committee should contact Mr. Rigsby.

C. Bike to School

1. Walk to school day is 10/18. We are trying to launch a bike bus.

VIII. Motion to adjourn

A. Motion by Melody, Second by Michelle

Next Meeting: Nov 9 @ 5:45pm

Action Items

Anissa -

- Coordinate survey to students to choose the name of Wildcat. In the meantime, we should send suggestions to the WR email
- Bring yoga idea to team
- Talk to staff about nominating kid(s) for Thunder Night. (could be based on academic achievement)
- Check to see if there were any opt-outs from student photos. Check with Stephanie to get the digital school pictures. Send that to Amanda Bodine.

PTO -

- we need some clearer messaging around the costume exchange taking place on movie night
- Purchase blankets for outdoor lunches and picnic type table cloths for inside.
- Survey teachers for ideas and timing for staff vs student tradition

Save the Date

Fri Oct 06, 2023	9:30-11 am	Popcorn Friday/Smoeres Celebration	Students
Thu Oct 12, 2023	4-5 pm	Parent/Teacher Conf Dinner	Staff
Fri Oct 13, 2023	7-8:30	Outdoor Movie Night & Costume Exchange	Families
Tue Oct 17, 2023	4-5pm	Parent/Teacher Conf Dinner	Staff
Wed Oct 18, 2023		Walk to School Day	Students
Thu Oct 26, 2023	all day	Restaurant Fundraiser: Papa John's	Families
Thu Oct 26, 2023	9:30-10:30 am	Parents of Everyschool	Parents
Thu Oct 26, 2023	6-7 pm	Parents of Everyschool	Parents
Fri Oct 27, 2023		Class Parties	Students
Thu Nov 02, 2023	5-9 pm	Restaurant Fundraiser: S&B's	Families
Fri Nov 03, 2023	9:30-11 am	Popcorn Friday	Students
Thu Nov 09, 2023	5:45-6:45 pm	PTO Meeting	Parents, Staff
Tue Nov 14, 2023	ALL DAY	Restaurant Fundraiser: Alfredo's	Families
Fri Nov 17, 2023		Staff Appreciation	Staff
Thu Nov 30, 2023	6-8pm	Event fundraiser: Ice Skating Mitch Park	Families