

Will Rogers PTO MINUTES
December 14, 2023 - 9:30 am - PALS Room

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Brynn, Michelle, Whitney, Jenny, Allison, Lauryn, Melody, Erin, Alicia, Courtney Senti, Olivia, Anissa, Stephanie
- Approve November Minutes (Michelle Magnusson)
 - Motion and seconded.
- Budget Update (Lauryn Proud)
 - Current Balance: \$51,203.28
 - No major expenses recently
 - Paid for banner
- Fundraising & Events
- Mitch Park Ice Skating (Jenny Sloan)
 - We made a little over \$130 even with bad weather
- Pictures with Santa (Brynn Mays)
 - This Saturday. Santa pictures 9 to 11 am. Will pull out all lost and found stuff. We will be selling stocking stuffers. We also have Swig cards to sell. Will check with Mallory for wooden bench. Stephanie is taking pictures. Will have QR code for families to get digital pictures. Families can donate games, etc. for indoor recess.
- Pajama Storytime
 - January 19th 6:30 to 7:30.
 - Had a good turnout last year.
- Bingo Night
 - Started working on it and will ramp up after holidays.
 - Circus themed – night under the big top!
 - March 28th 6:00 pm
 - Will be asking for teacher/principal “time” gifts (lunch, etc.)
 - Will use GiveButter again for fundraising.
- School Support & Activities
 - Adventure Game
 - Positive behavior incentive game. Spearheaded by April Miller and two counselors. We will buy hot chocolate and let them use our percolators. Want to know future prize ideas so that we can see about getting things donated.
 - Monthly Lunch with Grownups
 - Will keep our cap at 25. Michelle will talk to team about sign ups.
 - Teacher plan time has been drastically reduced over the years.
 - We want to get one teacher released. PTO responsibility is to assist parents. Lunchroom monitors are responsible for the kids. Could we provide water bottles for parents?
 - Adventure Lunch
 - Teachers still want to do some fun thing themed as “adventure lunch”. We need someone who wants to work with staff to make this happen. We need to get it out to parents to ask for volunteers.
 - Indoor Recess
 - MPR isn’t available so kids don’t get that grade-wide community time on cold/wet days. Michelle surveyed teachers and got responses indicating they need help coordinating activities during indoor recess. The biggest concern is space – they need more space to let grades have that time together. Michelle is working on this.
 - Playground Update
 - Dots are painted.

- Still getting quotes on playground stuff.
- Committee Updates (as needed)
 - School Beautification (Amanda Bodine)
 - Banner is ordered, several projects underway
 - PALS Room (Courtney Senti)
 - Can we get parents together to clean PALS room? We also need locking file cabinets to store paper.
 - Staff Appreciation (Alicia Hale)
 - a) Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider Bar on the 18th
 - Bike to School & Bike Club (Michelle Magnusson)
- Any New Business, Questions, or Suggestions for Next Agenda
- Principal's Comments
 - Winter parties – some parents state there are two sign ups for attendees (differentiated by volunteers or attendees). Families have to be signed up on some sign up sheet to be able to come in for parties. Anissa will clear up miscommunication on this between the staff.
 - Attendance is a problem at a district level. We scored low on chronic absenteeism. What are ways that don't punish kids but could be a reward for attendance (i.e. free raffle tickets for Bingo Night). Anissa is working on communication to parents.

Next Meeting: Jan 11 @ 5:45pm

Save the Date

Thu Dec 14, 2023	9:30-10:30am	PTO Meeting	Parents, Staff
Sat Dec 16, 2023	9-11 am	Pictures with Santa	Families
Wed Dec 20, 2023		Staff Appreciation	Staff
Thu Jan 11, 2024	5:45-6:45 pm	PTO Meeting	Parents, Staff
Fri Jan 12, 2024	9:30-11 am	Popcorn Friday	Students
Fri Jan 12, 2024		Staff Appreciation	Staff
Fri Jan 12, 2024	10:30-2:30	Lunch with Grownups	Parents, Students
Mon Jan 16, 2023	5:30-7:30 pm	Restaurant Fundraiser: ChicFilA 2nd	Families
Fri Jan 19, 2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Story Night	Families
Mon Jan 22, 2024	9:30-10:30 am	PTO Meet & Greet???	Parents
Thu Jan 26, 2023	3 - 9 pm	Restaurant Fundraiser: Chuck E Cheese	Families