

Van Wyck Elementary PTO – Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2019

Van Wyck Elementary Media Center, 6:30PM

Attendance: Jenn Gouvatsos, Christine Fox, Colleen Kuerth, Cathy Patrowic, Allyson Fore

Officer's Report: Cathy Patrowic took the minutes at the meeting.

President's report given by Jennifer Gouvatsos

- Discussed Boosterthon profit - \$47548.97. Excellent fundraiser this year and school was over the goal by \$7500! Vote for track which was one of the main goals of the fundraised. First motion made, second motion made – **vote unanimously approved by membership.**

- Discussed various money making tools for the school and explained each one – Coke, Shoparoo, Box Tops, Harris Teeter, Amazon Smile.

- Explained the need for a vote for the Technology for the Pre-K – 2nd grade. Discussed security measures in place for the iPad – First motion made, Second motion made – **vote passed by majority.**

- Explained the need for Educational Software each year. Mr. Puckett explained how the remote access for these programs are available on any computer, and some of the programs are customizable for each student. First motion made, second motion made – **vote passed by majority.**

- Explained the need to change the Bylaws to allow the Hospitality Chair as a member of the Executive board – Chair needs access to PTO funds- Debit card, responsible for the shopping, and Chair would be a tie-breaker in the case of any Executive vote. First motion made, Second motion made – **vote passed by majority.**

- Fundraisers and Events upcoming:
 - o Coupon Books – These will be handed out the third week in December. Explained last year there wasn't much promotion about it, however we made a nice profit – almost \$4,000. Hopefully have a better profit this year as it will be promoted more. Will be the Go Play Save books - \$20/book. School gets \$10 profit off of each book we sell. There will be two areas for the books – South Charlotte and York County so the purchaser will have to pick which book they want.

 - o Pies for teachers – Will be November 26 with a Sign-Up Genius around November 1. Store bought pies only, no peanuts/tree nuts.

 - o Holiday Shop – will be December 9-13. PTO needs a LOT of help for this as they are running it themselves this year. It is a local business and they bring the product, PTO and volunteers set it up a week before, kids shop Monday – Thursday, Friday is extra day for sales. Every student will receive \$1 from the PTO to shop.

 - o Father Daughter dance will be February 21, 2020 at 6:30pm in the gym.

 - o Mother Son Carnival – date is to be decided, as we have to wait until the Steam Showcase dates come out.

 - o Family Movie Date – date is to be decided in April. This will not be a Mother/Son only movie like last year, will be for the whole family. Will rent 4 theatres so there is enough room for everyone.

- Open Discussion for parents
 - o Discussed how to help if you work full time. Reminded everyone who wanted to help to sign up with Brooke before they left.
 - o Parent asked about the track and playground and if they are available to the public after school hours. Mr. Puckett said he would get clarity on this issue.
 - o Parent questioned why on some field trips the parents have to follow the bus, instead of ride the bus with their children. Mr. Puckett explained various reasons for this – not enough room, already have enough chaperones, etc.

Treasurer Report given by Colleen Kuerth

- Discussed the financial report and budget for this year. Explained the Fundraising and Annual Expenses – stated the PTO is doing really well. Boosterthon was a great fundraiser and the school made more than we expected to. Discussed profit and percentages Boosterthon receives.
- Track was discussed as some questioned why it was a concrete track. Explained for the purposes the school will use it for, concrete is sufficient and a running track is out of our budget as it is very costly.
- Vote to approve budget – First motion made, second motion made – **vote passed by majority.**

Various Topics by other Board Members

- Christine Fox spoke about the Spirit Rock. So far, it is going well. Reminded everyone it needs to be reserved at least 3 days in advance with payment received 24 hours after reservation.
- Cathy Patrowic spoke about the Buddy Bench. Explained what it is and why the PTO would like to get one. PTO is looking for sponsors, but if unable to find any will go ahead and purchase two benches – one for each playground.
- Christina Papciak spoke about the Corporate Sponsor program. Everyone was encouraged to take the flyer about the program home with them if they knew a business who would be interested. So far, there are two Platinum sponsors – Lands and Reynolds Orthodontics. Two Gold sponsors – Emmets Social Table and Founders Credit Union. Two Silver sponsors – Belinda Elder and Le Petit Spa.
- Hope Torraca went over the tentative schedule for the Dine Out nights: 10/28/19 Jimmy John's; 12/10/19 Showmars; 1/28/20 Panera, 3/10/20 Habit Burger; 4/27/20 Pizza
- Hope is still waiting for the numbers for the Chili's Dine Out night. The raffle basket that was at the restaurant was randomly chosen and it was Victoria Sansi who won the \$25 Chili's gift card.
- Executive Board is up for election! If you'd like to run, will be putting in nominees next PTO meeting. Katherine Gross will be the Nomination Chair.
- Bingo night was questioned by the parents – is this still happening? Another parent suggested Bunco. Will discuss and decide how to move forward/if we will do either one.
- 8 parents received Corporate Match for Boosterthon and PTO has received all of them.
- 56 members were in attendance, not counting the Executive PTO board! This was the PTO's biggest meeting yet and very happy to see everyone! Ms. Dean's 2nd grade class had the biggest member attendance, so they won the WACKY EAGLE until next quarter!