

## **Van Wyck Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

September 21, 2020

Google Meet – Started at 6:30pm

Board Attendance: Allyson Fore, Cathy Patrowic, Shaniece Axtmann, Christi Walsh, Brooke Young

Officer's Report: Brooke Young took the minutes at the meeting

### **Presidents Report given by Allyson Fore:**

- Discussed the importance of PTO membership.
  - Discussed how the membership fee is used to benefit the school and staff.
  - You are also able to vote for how the money is used when you are a member.
  - It is \$5 for a single person or \$10 for a family membership.
  - There is a link on PTO website to join or you can pay at the school. Make checks out to VWES PTO.
- Reported that there is not a lot to update on fundraisers and upcoming events due to the regulations set forth because of Covid 19.
  - Boosterthon has been postponed until April.
- Cathy Patrowick reported on how the money voted on at the end of the school year 2019-20 was used.
  - Due to the changes Covid 19 brought about the funding had to be redistributed.
  - The new swings will be moved to vote on at another time since the children are not using outside equipment at this time.
  - Technology has been a main need for the children and teachers so that is top priority.
  - The teachers were asked to vote on which programs would benefit the needs of the children most. They voted between RazKids, Scholastics, and Flocabulary.
    - The teachers voted that Razkids was the most beneficial.
- There were no questions from the meetings attendees at this time.

### **Treasurers Report given by Shaniece Axtmann:**

- Allyson Fore introduced our new treasurer, Shaniece Axtmann.
- A link for the YTD Financial Report was attached to the Google Meet invitation.
- Shaniece discussed the financial report and budget for 2020-21. The Fundraising portion of the budget reflects that Boosterthon is projected to make less money for the school

this year due to Covid 19. The top money makers are expected to be the dine out nights, corporate donations, spirit rock and membership dues.

- Annual Expenses were explained.
  - Annual Operating fees cover PTO website, etc.
  - Education software was for RazKids.
  - The negative in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration was a returned item.
- The overall budget looks good. There were no questions from meeting attendees at this time.

#### **Hospitality and Spirit Rock report given by Christi Walsh:**

- Spirit Rock process was explained. You can go the VWES website or go to the main office to fill out the form.
- So far the Spirit Rock has 57 reservations. 10 people have not paid to reserve their spot which they will lose if not paid timely.
  - You can pay to reserve the spirit rock by going to Pay4School or giving cash or check to the school.
- The welcome back decorations looked great. Yard Love Ballantyne donated the welcome back sign.
- The Back to School breakfast for the staff was a success.
- There were no questions from meeting attendees at this time.

#### **Dine Out Nights and Corporate Sponsors report given by Kathrine Gross:**

- Dine Out nights will be monthly to help with fundraising.
  - It will start October 20<sup>th</sup> at Showmars. There will be a raffle for a prize for all those families that attend.
  - November 18<sup>th</sup> will be at Jersey Mikes.
- Corporate Sponsors: The Community Business Sponsor form was explained and the levels of donations and rewards given for each level. Refer to the VWES PTO website for the form.
- There were no questions from the meeting attendees.

#### **Membership report given by Dayna Shaw:**

- There have been several membership forms that have come in. Good job!
- Some forms were dropped off with no payment. Please make sure you pay your fee so you are an actual PTO member and can vote.
- You can make your payment on Pay4School or cash/checks directly to the school.
- Staff has received their membership forms to join PTO.

- The deadline for the raffle basket for those that have signed up and paid their fee to be a PTO member will be September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- There is no Wacky Eagle at this time. Since we cannot meet in person we will not have the contest for the class with the highest PTO meeting participation getting the Wacky Eagle in their classroom until the next PTO meeting.

**Spirit Wear report given by Kristine Hyde:**

- The Spirit Wear site will stay open. It is located at VWES website.
- There are new products on the site this year like performance wear and masks.
- The sales have not been busy so far this year. There have been 2 deliveries of orders.
- Kristine delivers the orders to virtual children. Children attending school get their orders at school.
- If you have not received your order, then please contact Kristine Hyde.
- The school receives a percentage of the money from Spirit Wear so please support your school.

**Cathy Patrowic shared reminders:**

- Please remember to link your Harris Teeter vic card to our school.
- When purchasing through Amazon Smile choose Van Wyck Elem as your charity.
- Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts.
- Download the Shoparoo app.
- This information can be found on the PTO website under support.
- PTO will also repost this information on Facebook as a reminder to the school.

**Opened floor to any questions or concerns:**

- No meeting attendees had any questions.

There were 32 attendees for the PTO meeting including the PTO board.

Next PTO meeting will be December 14, 2020.