



Van Wyck Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021

Zoom Meet – Started at 6:30pm

Board Attendance:

President: Cathy Patrowic
Vice-President: Kathrine Gross
Treasurer: Danielle Guidence
Secretary: Brooke Young
Hospitality: Allyson Fore
Dine Out Chair: Kathrine Gross
Corporate Sponsorships: Kathrine Gross
Spirit Rock Chair: Aliza Chiarello
Newsletter: Erin Lospenuso

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

Presidents Report given by Cathy Patrowic:

- Cathy welcomed everyone
- We've had a few position changes on the PTO board.
 - Allyson Fore has transferred to Hospitality Chair
 - Kathrine Gross has transferred to Vice-President
 - Danielle Guidice is officially our Treasurer
- **Boosterthon:** We raised almost \$42,000 for our school which is AMAZING! We originally had a goal of \$15,000 which we quickly exceeded so raised the goal to \$35,000. Thank you to all those that contributed to help us reach our goal.
 - The funds will be spent on:
 - Swings for the kids which was approved last year at around \$7,800 but was put on hold due to COVID. Now we hope to spend more on the swings.
 - The Intermediate school opening school year 2021-22 needs funds from all the schools sending rising 5th & 6th graders. We will send an email to the PTO members to determine if we will provide 5% or 10% of our budget to IL Intermediate School.
 - Curriculum is \$16,000 (Raz-Kids, Flocabulary, & Scholastics)
- **Disc Golf Course:** Mr Pucket explained the disc golf course. The School Improvement Counsel had the idea to put in a Disc Golf course. The cost is \$6,000 total. There will be

9 holes. The course is for the students during school hours and will be open to the community after school hours. We will send out an email to the PTO members for a vote on how much to provide for the disc golf course.

- **4th & 5th grade graduation:** PTO will provide t-shirts to all of the graduating 4th & 5th graders. There will be a design on the front and all of the student's names on the back. The shirts will be different for each grade. PTO will also provide some type of celebration for the students. The options are rotating party booths outside or party in a box for each classroom to have in their separate rooms. Another option is that PTO will provide an ice-cream truck.
- **PTO membership vote:**
 - There will be an email sent to current PTO members in the next week to vote on:
 - How much funding will be provided to the Intermediate School
 - The disc golf course.
 - 10% of the PTO members have to vote in order to meet quorum. Please take the time to vote.

Treasurers Report given by Danielle Guidice:

- A copy of the financial report was provided to meeting attendees.
- There are some updates that need to be added to the report so Danielle will post the updated report to our website.

Hospitality report given by Allyson Fore:

- **Teacher Appreciation week:** May 3-7 the PTO will provide the below items to all the staff at VWES, not just teachers.
 - Treat bags
 - Breakfast of their choice
 - Pizza Food Truck
 - One day we are still working on
 - Friday Mr. Pucket does something for the staff
 - In the past we have been able to have a sign up for Duty Free lunch but due to COVID we cannot enter the school.
- After the 4th & 5th grade graduation event that will wrap up hospitality for the year.

Dine Out Night Report given by Kathrine Gross:

- Dine Out Night profits:
 - Showmars - \$300
 - Jersey Mikes - \$350
 - Chili's - \$200
 - Potbelly Sandwich Shop - \$24.48
 - Jim N Nicks - \$400
 - Mama's Pizza - \$250
- Upcoming Dine Out Nights:
 - May – Jersey Mikes
 - June – Showmars

Corporate Sponsors report given by Kathrine Gross:

- She is working on changing the levels of rewards for sponsorships and will report soon on the changes.
- One way that helped the school raise money in the past through sponsorship is letting sponsors put their names on the Boosterthon t-shirts. The t-shirts cost too much money so we use the free stickers they provide instead. This leaves us without the extra incentive for sponsors. We are trying to find new ways to get corporate sponsors to give to our school.
- If you know of anyone that would like to give then please give them our PTO contact information.

Mr. Pucket's report:

- **Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative:**
 - This is a new idea that Mr. Pucket would like to see take action in August 2021.
 - There are a lot of pieces to this program and a lot still to work on and approve. Mr. Pucket would like the support of the PTO and its members.
 - The idea of the program is to provide information to our staff and students about diversity and inclusion.
 - One part of the program is called "I Read Initiative". The same book will be provided to all staff at VWES which they will read together with the students. This will allow all staff and students to have the same understanding of the book and use the same verbiage together.
 - There will be a new book each month.
 - The cost will be \$8,000 - \$12,000.
 - There will be more detailed information provided soon on this amazing new program.
- The PTO would like to find a way to give \$5,000 towards the books for this new Initiative. We will look at our budget and our community for help.

Membership Info:

- The membership fee is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for the family.
- You can join the PTO by going to the VWES website.
- You can make your payment on Pay4School or cash/checks directly to the school.

A few 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.
- We are always looking for volunteers. This year has been different with Covid restrictions but the PTO has still been active. We can't go into the school but we still

have been trying to come up with creative ways to provide support to our VWES staff and students.

Opened floor to any questions or concerns:

- There were no questions or concerns at this time.

There were 14 attendees for the PTO meeting including the PTO board.