

Thorson PTO Meeting MINUTES



Meeting Date: October 11, 2021

Location: IN PERSON: Thorson Community Room

Time Item

7:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

Michelle Sauer, Erin Puro, Angela Little , Amy Sterkenburg, Lynn Winter, Heather Reily, Amy Schmidt, Lindsay LaBlonde, Jen Stevens, Rebecca Baker, Leah Voltz

7:05 PM Sign in/Review Minutes from last meeting

Michelle moved to approve September minutes, all in favor, minutes approved.

7:10 PM Principal's Report

- PBIS Cooperation trait of the month
 - Kicking off every month with live google meet jaguar jumpstart
 - Rest of Jaguar Jumpstarts will be video taped; no all school assemblies
- October 16th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm there will be self-guided tours at all schools to thank community for support to give us these beautiful spaces
- Halloween parade is BACK! It will be outside. Details will follow. If it rains, parade will be inside with kids but no families or parents will be inside.
- In lieu of individual parties, we will do our PBIS reward (all school celebration) but it's a surprise for kids!
 - In gym will be a Monster Mash dance.
 - Looking for PTO to help with decorations
 - Nicole can be liason for creating a sign up genius to get parents to help
 - PTO could buy staples that would be used for the gym every year
 - Pumpkins from pumpkins days will be outside for parade
 - Simple is better for decorating – a sign, balloons, a few decorations
- Veteran's Day: Coordinated effort between elementary schools for Veteran's Day celebration
 - parade where veterans will be there
 - police department will parade the veterans from school to school
 - decorations, flags and cheer to honor the veterans

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- collecting money for honor flight

7:15 PM Treasurer's Report

- General Fund: Balance \$53,599
 - Adjusted for outstanding and approaching items: \$52,900
- Legacy (TAG) Fund: Balance \$8,224.36
- Wayne's: \$2249 for Dunk Tank
 - \$610 Dining for Dollars
- Portraits: \$1700
- Membership: \$2858.74 to date
- Rock Art Welcome Board: \$721.76
 - Supplies: \$189.12
- Jen made a motion to move \$300 from FY19 remaining teacher allocation funds to FY22 part time teacher allocation. Rebecca seconded it. Motion passed. (Part time teachers will each get \$100)
- Jen made a motion to move money allocated for Forward snacks (\$350) and move to Halloween Monster Mash. Michelle seconded it.

Business to Discuss:

- Grants – Rebecca Baker
 - Form for people to fill out
 - October 1st, January 1st, April 1st
 - More requests come in the beginning of the year
 - 5 requests coming in
 - Mrs. Papke – Thorson green squad; sturdy planter boxes for each grade to create an area with these. Each grade will be responsible for their boxes
 - \$600.00 for boxes (would need to be approved by school board)
 - Should be talked about with building and grounds crew to make sure they are put in the right place; Mrs. Papke has been in contact with John from grounds crew about placement and how to water them
 - Tie in PBIS celebration with garden
 - Groths will donate seeds and soil

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- Boxes need to have a way to be maintained; hoses, watering the flowers, etc.
- Mrs. Van Sluys – Maniac Magee 50 copies (\$300.00)
- Mrs. O'Morrow-study playground carts and bases for baseball (\$1015.00)
 - The \$250.00 of playground fund is usually used so recommended to not take from this.
- Mrs. Winter-black lights; art teacher, many grade levels would also use them; Halloween bash; glow party (\$250.00)
- 4K teachers asking for \$300 for playhouse; parents would help assemble it. Will be put in nature center
 - John from grounds crew has offered to donate mulch for this area.
 - Concern for longevity of the playhouse but want to approve the funds for it.
 - Rachel may have an idea for this.
- Close to \$2500.00 for all the requests.
- Rebecca made motion to approve \$2500.00 for above grant requests. Michelle seconded. Discussion: leaves \$1652.00 for remainder of year. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Flexible seating was already bought and paid for.
- How to purchase these items: District will allow teachers to check out district P-card; they will send out PTO an invoice. Any push back, reach out to Ben at District Office.
- Playground and planters need to be approved at the board meeting. Rebecca will send a summary to Angela which will then go to board meeting.
- Rebecca will send emails to teachers who made grant requests.
- Mum Sale Recap – Amy Sterkenburg
 - Sold 603 mums
 - Profited \$10 each (last year was \$8 each)
 - \$5920 total profit from sale
 - Lindsay LaBlonde and Theresa Piorkowski will chair next year
- Dining 4 Dollars/Wayne's Update – Amy Sterkenburg
 - \$600 for dining dollars

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- Dunk tank \$2249.00
- More parent volunteers next year if dunk tank is happening again
- Movie theatre ropes at Thorson that can be used for this
- Teachers loved it and had fun.
- Asked if there was something school wanted to purchase and in future can advertise for what this is.
- Character boards to be used in front of school
 - 1 board to go on big brick wall that lists all character traits
 - Thorson Jaguars are...list all character traits
 - \$1200.00 with installation for the board
 - Still leaves \$1000.00 for PTO
 - Amy made a request to use \$1200.00 from dunk tank revenue for the board to be put on brick wall in front of school.
 - Amy made a motion to use \$1200.00 for board upon approval of board. Michelle seconded that motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- NEXT D4D: Little's BBQ; October 20th at Citgo in Grafton 11:00 am until sold out. All sales go to Thorson. Can preorder. Thorson website for preordering. Make sure marking correct time of pickup. 20% back to Thorson.
 - November Even Odds, must mention Thorson; 50% back to Thorson
- Spiritwear – Amy Sterkenburg
 - Ryan from Master Printwear said production is slow.
 - No date as to when it will be here.
 - As soon as we have it, it will be in hands of families
- Celebration Rock – Amy Sterkenburg
 - 100% being used
 - Going through a ton of paint because front and back is now being used
 - Will be more expenses because going through paint quickly
- Hospitality Update – Heather Reily
 - Monthly celebration
 - Back to school celebration
 - October: Apple tree and raffle in lounge for teachers
 - Conference dinners-no need to do boxed dinners

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- Parents can also send things in
- Teachers do appreciate the grab and go with busy nights
 - About \$500.00 for this if we do boxed dinners
- Tailgate for teachers in spring
 - No approval needed
- Christmas gifts – idea of playground equipment
- Loved all the notes that were given
 - Maybe kids involved in it this year?
- Any Other Business?
 - Amaliya – Book Fair
 - Book fair open during Conferences 11/18 and 11/22
 - Set up 11/15
 - Open during library classroom sessions 11/16-11/22
 - Tear down 11/22
 - Volunteer sign ups for 11/15, 11/18, and 11/22 to come.
 - Flyers to go home about 2 weeks prior (11/1)
- Jen moved to adjourn meeting. Rebecca seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

OCTOBER

- 10/16 All School Open House 9:00am-3:00pm
- 10/20 Dining For Dollars – Littles BBQ at Citgo in Grafton
- 10/22 Early Release – 1:45pm Dismissal

NOVEMBER

- 11/3 Picture Retake Day
- 11/5 No School
- 11/9 Dining for Dollars – Even Odds Pizza
- 11/18 4K No School
- 11/18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/24-11/26 No School – Happy Thanksgiving!

NEXT PTO MEETING: Monday, November 8th at 7:00pm