

West Bay Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 2, 2017

Location: West Bay Elementary School Library

Board Attendees: Shagun Somasegaran (President), Katy Bode (Vice-President), Stacey Mathis (Treasurer), Kate Parsons (Secretary), Liz Borkowski (Community Liaison) and Jen Coltvvet (Prinicpal)

West Bay Staff Attendees: Jen Coltvvet, Kelly Eby, Sarah Addinct, Jenn Totic, Katie Sadowski, Alsup

Parent Attendees: Jamie Agnew, Mikhala Fehringer, Jen Houg, Shelly Fisher, Danisha Hurst

Next Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at West Bay Elementary Library

Meeting Notes Submitted by Kate Parsons, Secretary

6:05 Meeting Called to Order

1. Welcome & Introductions - Shagun Somasegaran

2. Approval of Minutes

- Jamie Agnew made a motion to approve the September 2017 minutes and Mikhala Fehringer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Review and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

- Stacey Mathis advised that the PTO had made expenditures for the following: Fall Social, Fun Run, Apparel, Outdoor Ed, Teacher Discretionary, . Fun Run Profit is near \$23,000. The Fun Run replaced the Eileen's cookie dough fun raiser and far surpassed any profits made with the cookie dough. Shelly Fisher made a motion to accept the report and Mikhala Fehringer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Teacher Reports

- The fifth grade teachers presented. Last month all 5th graders in the school district went to Camp Kitaki in Louisville, NE. They participated in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, art, music, etc. The event spanned 2 days. PTO covers pizza for the kids. Event is an opportunity for kids to bond. Teachers and students raved about the event and thanked the PTO for contributing to the event.
- Kelly Eby presented information about the upcoming Book Fairs. The Online Fair is October 6-19th. October 9th the All for Books Drive opens. October 12-18th the book fair opens for shopping. Students will partake in a coin donation challenge. Proceeds go towards raising books for West Bay classrooms. The Golden Sower Challenge (kids read the Golden Sower book nominees for the year and partake in voting on the winner) takes place throughout the year and students win an end of the year lunch with Ms Eby for completing the challenge. Students that met their end of the year summer reading goals were treated with Kona Ice.

5. Officer and Principal Reports

- **Vice-President**, Katy Bode attended the monthly GOAL meeting. 9,030 students are enrolled in Elkhorn schools k-12. Elkhorn South can accommodate 1,800 students and Elkhorn High (and soon to be Elkhorn North) can accomodate 1,200. Both schools will be class A next school year. The upcoming bond issue is important to pass on permanent structures as it costs between \$150-200k for 1 portable. The Elkhorn Foundation broke ground on their new permanent facility which is just west of their current location. Project to be completed next summer.
- Liz - There is still a need for a drop off assistant on Thursdays and copier assistant on Fridays.

6. Old Business

- **Apparel**-Shagun Somsasegaran advised that apparel will be delivered this week and go home in backpacks Tuesday, October 3rd.
- **Bengal Fun Run**-Shagun Somasegaran advised that profit from the Fun Run was roughly \$22,000. 72% of students registered and 66% of those registered also pledged. Changes for next year to consider are having two tracks to run to bypass potential hot weather. Also, have the nurse on site in case of dehydration issues. Suggestion was made to revisit having the kids wear their Fun Run shirts (or any West Bay gear) on Fridays for school spirit.
- KOA "Brave" Fall Social Luau-Shagun Somasegaran - Good response to the event. Suggestion to bring activities closer together.

7. New Business

- **Classroom Party**-Jamie Agnew: Halloween Party Snack will be Pirates's Booty Popcorn and Skittles. Student's with allergies will get a bag of Skinny Pop Popcorn. These snacks will be provided for grades K-5. Classroom Party Leads are filled and they are working on planning crafts and games.
- **2017-2018 PTO Donations**-Shagun Somasegaran advised that there were needs for umbrellas for before and after school drop off and pick up, ice machine for teacher's lounge (stand alone pebble ice machine), walking track, and parking (potentially 24 spots in 3 different areas).
- **West Bay Parent/Teacher Survey**- PTO compiling list of questions gauge how parents want PTO funds to be spent.

8. Other Committee Reports

- **Family Fun Nights**-The upcoming Family Fun Night will be held at Chipotle on Tuesday, October 17th, 4-8pm with 50% of the proceeds going to West Bay PTO.
- **Winter Assembly**-The PTO is looking for ideas for the Winter Assembly. Wildlife Encounters was discussed as a possible option.
- **Conference Food**-Shagun Somasegaran advised that Jen Coltvet is providing dinner on Tuesday, October 17th from The Good Life. PTO organize and provide a Soup/Salad/Sandwich dinner on Wednesday, October 18th. A sign up genius has been sent out and is on the PTO website.
- **Sign-up Genius**-Katy Bode advised the following sign-up genius are on the PTO webpage: Book Fair, Health Screening and Conference Food.
- Celebration of Giving for Womenade is looking for a coordinator from West Bay.

Shelly Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jamie Agnew seconded the motion. The motion was approved and adjourned at 6:53pm.