

Powers PTO Minutes- September 11, 2017

Welcome/Attendees: Please Sign in

Principal's Report:

- School year is off to a great start, thank you!
- Picture day coming up, will need volunteers
- Nord student, Addi- passed away recently; she has a sister in kindergarten. Brainstorming as a staff to celebrate Addi's life in a delicate way. Want to find a way to celebrate & remember her. Addi loved rainbows. We will do a rainbow walk- classes will make rainbows to display in windows downtown; each class will take a walk to see their rainbows displayed throughout downtown. Also, plan to raise funds to donate to the family to help cover medical expenses. More info will come home.
- Fundraiser assembly scheduled & ready to go.
- Thank you to the PTO. Our lunch buyers currently wear lanyards, which ended up not being to safe while on the playground. PTO purchased bracelets to replace the lanyards.
- Mrs. Mount is our new library aid. Old carpet area in the library looks like there was previously a rug there. Mrs. Mount would like the rubber area squares to cover this area. Can PTO purchase?
- Met with the architect last week. Playground equipment IS included in the grant for the new Powers school. PTO's earmarked funds can be used to upgrade equipment, such as the mulch to rubber surface or planned outdoor learning space possibly beautified.

Teachers Report: Mrs. Germuska

- Can PTO purchase sidewalk chalk for each class for week of homecoming? 30 boxes needed.
- Thank you from the staff for gift cards
- Rainbow walk 18x20 piece of paper to decorate as they want. Will be distributed around the community. Teachers will take a walk downtown to see the rainbows. Try to compile a list of where the rainbows are. Classes will take an hour as it fits in their class time. September 22.

President- Sarah Kucbel

- Teacher Grants-new process for teacher requests. In past teachers have just asked a PTO member for money. Want to start a formal process of asking for money. Make it easier to matchup reimbursements & funds to.
- Playground Bench- buddy bench. Child can sit on the bench if they don't have someone to play with, other children can come ask that child to play. Would like to dedicate a buddy bench to Addi. Try to make the bench a rainbow with a plaque.
- Picture Day- Thursday September 28, 2017. Volunteers needed at 8:30 in the morning. Try to get them all in before lunch. Preschool in afternoon. Come see Sarah after meeting to volunteer for picture day.
- Marco's Nights- third Wednesday of the month. September 20th. Percentage of sales comes back to the school. 15% by phone. 20% order online. Has since been changed to the first Wednesday of the month.
- District Wide Apparel Sale- each PTO picks 4 apparel items. & receives from those items. Powers has not participated in the past. Do we want to participate? Do we have someone willing to head this campaign? Have to meet with other coordinators, meet with local businesses to pick items. Fall sale items in before Christmas. Talk to Sarah after the meeting if interested. Courtney Kushinski will do apparel sale.

- Christmas t-shirts- in past t-shirts. & classroom gifts alone. Sarah Herold in charge of t-shirts.
- Next meeting- Friday, October 6th? In past meetings on Friday's, but we have an extremely good turn out today. Sarah did a survey; survey said Friday's were best. Try to do October on Friday to see what turn out will be. October 6 @ 9:15. If turn out is not as good as today's meeting, we will revisit having meetings on Mondays.
- Cheddarup.com- online membership sign up & pay

Vice President- Jen Wolf

Secretary- Sarah Herold

- Please sign in

Treasurer- Teri Burich

- Financial Update \$10,381.20 in checking account. Membership is doing very well.

Bake Sale- Michelle Diaz-

- November 9th will need baked goods

Book Fair- Aleshia Fossie/ Jenni Collins/Amanda Gallow

Box Tops- Andrea Bailey/Gina Dury

- Box Tops App
- Coca-Cola Rewards Program
- Keep sending in box tops

Community Service- Kim DiFillippo/Jessica Glowacki

Field Day- Jen Wolf/Sarah Herold

- Set a date- Mrs. Schwartz will send Mr. Q an email to set the date.

Fundraiser- Darcie Parsons/Sarah Crosby

- Dates orders due October 12
- Kick off assembly September 27
- Is an online component- if student has all online orders, prizes will be sent to the school and available during pick-up time. Otherwise prizes can be sent home with students from school the following day.

Homecoming- Stacy Bruce/Amanda Gallo

- Have a truck & trailer for homecoming. Theme- all future is so bright we have to wear shades. Input welcome. Preschoolers will be riding in a bus. Typically in past everyone has decorated before the parade. Parade starts at 4:45p, line up can start at 4. Parade starts at the board office & ends at the Town Hall. Parents have to wait until end of route to pick up. Kids will need bring their own candy to throw & sunglasses. We encourage parents to walk with their child. Have a sign in & sign out if parents are not walking with their kid at the parade.

Membership- Amanda Dougherty

Newsletter/Social Media- Sarah Kucbel

- Newsletter via email

Right to Read Week- Jeni Banyas/Teri Burich

- Jeni will research what is out there for assemblies and cost

Room Events- Heather Pearch/Stacie Belt

Social- Michelle Diaz/Lydia Edwards

Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Yoder

Yearbook- Mrs. Schwartz

Next Meeting: October 6

Motion to end, motion 2nd

Dinner with a Doctor- free dinner. Each PTO member who attends \$10 will be donated to PTO, bring a guest- \$20 will be donated. See Facebook page.