

W-E SOI PTO

Sept. 5, 2017 Minutes

Board Members: Erin Sikora, Craig Rowe, Al Difrancio, Hannah Oreh, Christy Brady, Steve Atkins.

General Membership: Paul Garcia, Kim Hace, Jennifer Kramp, Laura Kramor, Jessica Kunsman, Kristen Morbeto Carol Passevell, Audrey Spain, Monika Richards, Kathy Runyan, Syba Melody Shanna, Courtney Zappola, Melissa Zappola.

6:30 PM -Meeting Called to Order.

May 2017 W-E SOI general membership meeting minutes were approved without changes.

I. OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Principal's Report- Brian Patrick-

Elementary School has established their core objectives: "**Solve Problems**", "**Communicate & Collaborate**" (even being able to work with classmates you don't like), "**Exhibit Knowledge**" (stand up and tell people what you know).

Still working and evolving the middle school's principles, happening organically. But goal is to share everything we do with any school or district. The more collaboration, the better, hoping to develop partnerships externally.

Working on "**Outdoor Learning Space**", being designed by Claire Possiest an outdoor naturalist who has designed for other school districts including Hudson, OH. The budget is \$250,000 with \$140,000 funded already from grants, with more expected including a \$75,000 grant to the teachers, and corporate funding.

Other proposals to piggy back of the 'Outdoor Learning Space' are purchasing yerts (large, elaborate outdoor tents) as outdoor classrooms, garden boxes, and hands on landscape engineering projects. The PTO has also set aside funds for this project.

Treasurer's Report Hannah Oreh

We have \$10,000 in the W-E SOI PTO account carried over from last year. We have set aside the surplus per our bylaws of over \$7800 and earmarked it for outdoor building improvements and the outdoor learning space. We hope to change the bylaws shortly to increase the money we can carry in over each year to \$35,000. The board feels this change is necessary in coming years as the school's student population increases.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:

Marcos Pizza Night: This will be our first pizza night of the year. Last year our school's participation was excellent. To date, the PTO has received over \$4,900 in donations from Marcos Pizza for the pizza night fundraisers. Last year PTO has received an additional \$2500 in donations over the year as rewards for the percentage level of participation. This is the second most successful fundraisers for our school, second to our annual reverse raffle dinner dance, We hope to keep the momentum going! Please support our school and Eat Pizza! The PTO receives 20% of the total order of online and 15% for phone in.

Also note, you can have W-E SOI PTO benefit anytime you order pizza, not just on pizza night. At any time you place an order you can designate a school to receive credit.

Pastries with Parents scheduled for November 16th & 17th. Will be assigned by last names on which of the two dates to attend. However, per chairperson Kristen Werden, RSVPing is not necessary and can attend on either date--- a guideline rather than hard date. Look for future announcements in the Spark Remark.

Spirit Wear-

We hope to have an order booth and sample shirts at the Pastry with Parents event on Nov. 16th & 17th.

Fall Bonanza- Sat. Sept. 23rd At Patterson Fruit Farm. 6:45 PM- 9:00 PM. Two half-hour wagon rides will take off at 7:00pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, and 8:15pm, limited to 75 people total, per time slot. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your ride time. Deadline to order tickets is Sept. 18th.

III. OLD BUSINESS-

Last year the PTO spent over \$25,000 on our children. For:

- Classroom Teaching Supplies in all classrooms
- Field Trip Transportation
- Friday Popcorn
- Pastries with Parents
- Social Events: Summer Pool Party, Fall Hayride, Winter Festival, Valentine's Day, Bowling Night, Field Day, Year End Picnic, Parents' Night at Willoughby Brewing Co.
- PSAT Study Session
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheons
- Spirit Wear
- Eclipse Glasses

We need and appreciate your support! We are also looking for members to step up into leadership positions. Please get involved, stay involved and consider becoming a PTO officer and board member.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The membership was reminded that about participation in the Amazon Smile program.

7:15 PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Atkins
W-E SOI PTO Secretary