

Draft meeting minutes from May 8th, 2019

In Attendance: Gina Fugate, Sonja Streuber, Gretchen Schulz, Mr. Hershberger, Scott Hughes, Amy Knauff, , Kat Kelly, Brett Furuness, Bradley Campbell (not a member of the PTO, representing Porter County substance Abuse Council) Emily Sekerak, Nicole Biehn, Allison Edwards

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed by the group. Motion to approve by Gina. Seconded by Kat. Motion carried by acclamation.

Correspondence: There are two thank you notes from the teacher appreciation week. Plus, there is an extra donation check to give to the Izaak Walton League. Also a thank you note for a donation to the valpo school system from the school board.

Guest: Bradley Campbell presented on "The prevention minute". He wanted to use the parents of the PTO who are willing to review his presentations before they are released to a wider social media audience.

Treasurer report: Present budget reviewed: 40.30 deposit from Gina, she purchased surplus items from the PTO for a different school. These surplus items were received because we bought in bulk to save money overall. Block party expenses for 48.38 were for facepainting. Mrs. Prybell purchased the birthday books for \$475 today, which is a pass-thru for that budget category. The box tops check came in. Shortage for the year of \$311 in that category. Motion to approve by gretchen. Second by Kat. Motion carries and it is approved.

New budget proposal: As posted, the yellow items are changes from the past budget. There is a special item request for new gym mats. We need two mats, for a total of \$1000. We put an item in for \$500, with the hopes that we keep it for a second year. Art trip is added in as an every other year project, and it is now the 'other year.' This art trip is take 4th and 5th grade, and take the south shore railway in, to the Art Institute of Chicago. Increased the fall carnival back to \$2000. We spent \$1600 last year, and we had to pinch to get down to \$1600. We put Grandparents day back to \$500. Insurance increased to \$450. Robotics team and stem club are separated. Robotics team is up to \$275 as a competitive team. Stem club, as a club team, is at \$100.

Motion to approve made by Amy. Second by Gina. Motion carries.

Old business:

Eat Out Night: Nicole gave the update. We won the eat out contest at Culvers. Scoopie will be coming for the end of the field day(children don't know yet). Chilis is going on now.

Yearbook no update from Amy today. The yearbook is coming.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Teachers loved the trail mix. Teachers have been loving it.

Block Party: Nicole reported that anyone that wants to help should show up at 5. There isn't a need for lots of help, not a lot of setup. Main thing to know is that we are going to move the movie inside due to the weather, going down to 40 degrees. The movie credit will be transferred to a different date within a year. We will use the VCS indoor blanket license for a different movie, to be determined before the movie starts. No pointy chairs, no soda in the gym.

Banner: Sonja showed us all the banner. White background with green letters. Boyconn printers donated it. School board will send a thank you. Mr. Hershberger will also send a thank you note.

New Business:

New board cross training: via email to schedule a summer meeting.

L4L: laps for learning: Good suggestion to form a committee with point person so that it can be pre planned and won't be stressful for the beginning of the year. Kat has volunteered to chair the committee for L4L. Emily and Amy will help. Strong suggestion to start earlier rather than later for planning.

Suggestion for the new board to firm up dates before the start of the school year to make the brochure.

Same early suggestion for fall carnival. Gina volunteers to be point person, Amy will probably do the auction again.

Overview of upcoming events

Principal's Report: Passes along thanks from the teachers' appreciation week. He also sends appreciation for the whole work year for the PTO. I-learn testing finishes tomorrow. If adult volunteers need lunch during field day, they need exact change of \$3.45 for lunch.

Motion to adjourn by Brett, second by Nicole. Motion carries, adjourned at 7:50.