

GD JONES PTO

Meeting Agenda

February 29th 2016

6:00 – 7:00 PM

❖ Call to order

- 6:01 Justin Called to Order

❖ Attendance:

- Robin Kordus, Julie Fernstaedt, Kristen Brown, Kristin Ruleau, Justin Sorenson, Kristin Sorenson, Kim Hoffman, Kristina Smart, Jeff Smart, Anne Young, Leesa Hoeft

❖ Open Items

a) Treasurer Report – Kristinia

- Bingo

- 4th Grade Bingo Night

- a) \$440.20

- b) 4th graders donated chips and items to sell

- Other Bingos profit has been roughly \$184.81

- Kristina transferred \$525 from checking to savings for 5th grade class trip
- \$85 for 5th Grade Trip from Pizza Ranch
- Box tops competition we received \$409.30
- Current Balance **\$9628.22** as of 2/29/16

b) Juggler Final Numbers – Justin

- The man with the Yellow shoes performed on January 21st
- There were 221 People
- Total was over \$1,000, made \$400 just at door. PTO received \$415 after paying the Juggler
- Made \$308, and gave soda money back to the Bingo profits.
- Had BBQ dinner to get families in the door.
- Stettin was asked to participate but they did not want to connect.

- This concerns Kim and Robin are concerned because other schools do not want to come and participate.

c) Spirit Stick Update / New Order – Kristin R

- Sold 555 Sticks thus far
- Another order is placed
- Ordered 400 Dr Seuss for everyone for Dr Seuss Week
- New ones for sale
 - Talent Show
 - Girley
 - Mine Craft
 - Box Tops

d) School Dance / Update – Justin

- This last Friday 2-19
- Roughly 100 people
- Magical Nights was the DJ and Photo Booth
- Photo Booth was a hit
- Robin received a thumb drive of all pictures taken at photo booth, over 400 pictures taken in 2 hours.
- Everyone dressed up
- “Very Cool”
- Lots of excitement
- Went through all food, cups and drinks

e) Stage Update – Justin

- Stage for talent show
- We used to have a stage and no one can find it, it is not in the district any longer
- Last Meeting Morgan suggested to speak with Stones husband, response was he was older and too busy.
- Can purchase a stage but would cost \$400-\$800, however there is no storage for it.
- Same cost to rent one as it is to buy one
- Steps – Example of one sitting in the library.

- To get kids off the ground was main idea
- Jeff was at West and there were what looked like risers sitting in the commons. He said it would be pretty cheap to build however storage is a concern. Suggested get 4X4s and plywood. There were Handles on the end to pick up. Thinks 3 or 4, used 2x6s so about 6 inches tall
- Robin is going to see if we can borrow the risers from West, in the commons by boy's bathroom.
- Liability with us building our own? No
- Can we get another storage shed? Robin will follow up, but thinks not.

f) Hansen Fundraising set for the End of March – Justin

- Handouts dropped off Today and are in the office
- Going out on the 21st of March to families
- Marvelous Monday planned for 21st with Kickoff – Danny or Lori will be at the school.
- Robin to give a time for them to be there. They should be there at 9:10 A.M. Justin will communicate with Danny.
- Hansen approved for 8 pizzas to be delivered that day.
- Runs through the 11th of April
- April 11th money and orders due
- Friday April 29th will be a big truck out front of school
- Pickup? –
 - Sitting inside the school?
 - Pull to door #3 and load everything in the gym
 - Justin to work with Danny to come up with a plan for families to pick up item.
- Prize pack?
 - An incentive – water park pass, day pass
 - a) To get the push to sell
 - b) Top 1, 2, 3 sales 4 water passes
 - c) Pizza party for top classroom with highest sales
 - d) Group consensus to do these extra incentives to get better sales.

g) Dr Seuss Week – PTO to purchase Pizza for winning classroom?

- PTO supplied Morgan with the raffle tickets handed out to students that read every.
- PTO to pay for the pizza party with **10 students and Robin**, NOT winning classroom.

❖ New business

a) Principal's Report – Robin

- Thanked the PTO
- PTO has flowered this year and coming together as a team
- Expressed to the PTO that she has received comments, questions, and concerns that there is a divide in the PTO, from staff and parents.
- Is there a divide in the PTO?
- Justin has also received emails that there seems to be tension in the team
 - We are 1 team and need to work as a team, decide as a team
 - Feels we need to be approachable, and the negativity needs to stop
 - Parents see a war, and tension, we need to work together
 - If you don't feel that way this may not be the place to be.
- Robin stated that we need to have the positive energy and it needs to be kept going forward.
 - We want people to feel welcomed.
 - Robin was not aware of any tension, she felt we were all doing well.
- Kim stated that discussions need to be kept in the building not through email or text as it can be perceived differently.
 - We are a team and we should hash it out, we are all adults
 - If parents are talking everyone will know by word of mouth
 - Change is not always a bad thing.

- Kristina stated that if she feels something is wrong she lets the team know
 - She is the 'old' PTO and there is a 'new' PTO
- Robin doesn't feel there should be an old version or a new version, we are all PTO.
 - The Face of PTO is changing.

b) Teacher's Wish Lists - iPad Stand – See Handout – VOTE

- Justin sent an email out to hear wish lists from teachers so that PTO can purchases can be more beneficial.
- iPad Stand is \$139 each
- Collapsible
- Buy in bulk?
- Anne – if we get one in the library she will utilize it, and could see benefits. And Laurie could train and make sure that staff is comfortable
- Purchase one stand to start for Library.
 - Kris and Kristin R agreed to purchase
- Robin will work with Justin to go through the district to make sure we are purchasing the item correctly.
- Marquee sign is the next wish list item
 - Couple of options
 - Basic \$2,000
 - LED \$5,000
 - a) But would need approval from the district for electricity.
 - b) Robin would need to talk with Larry.
 - Leesa - Other schools have used it as a fund raiser, parents to pay to have their child's name on it.
 - Very good item
- Julie has a wish list item
 - Fidget items
 - a) Koosh balls

b) 'cooling down stations'

c) Putty

d) "Tool kit"

- Get a quantity for each classroom
- Robin, Kristen Brown will get back to PTO on qty and items.

c) Books are Fun VS Scholastic – Kristin S

- Books are fun are already in the school.
- Kristin is waiting to hear back from Corporate Books are Fun to see if they will do a fundraiser for us.
- Scholastic
 - Buy 1 get 1 free during the summer
- Not selling with Scholastics
- Scholastic book fair will be set up during summer learning
 - Week of June 20th.
- When we did a lot the teachers brought the kids down to preview them.
- Kim suggested - Teacher wish list in the classrooms instead

d) Discuss Class Trips & PTO Funding – Kristin S

- \$250 to 4th graders
- Only trip we paid for was for the 5th graders
 - PTO needs to pay \$100 deposit for the 5th graders
 - Since we already obligated to pay we will pay this year but will no longer pay for class trips.
 - Discussed if the flyer that goes home to the 5th graders state if PTO funds or not, no flyer sent home yet for this year.
- They are to fundraise
- Not pay at all
- Parents are willing to pay the money and not volunteer.
- Parents donated stuff for bingo last year

- Was discussed that PTO will pay for class trips this year but will not budget for them next school year.
- When funding we need to be consistent, if the 4th graders are doing a Bingo donation, then 5th graders should as well.
 - 5th graders were never made to volunteer, PTO just did it.
- Discussed canceling the safety patrol trips
 - Consensus was No, because they donate their time, they are outside in all weather conditions. They should be rewarded for their time.
- Kim mentioned that at Riverside parents pay \$5.00 for class trips
- Also discussed that students pay \$5.00 to go to the Grand for trips, they should be able to help with class trips.

e) Upcoming 5th Grade Bingo & Pizza Ranch

- No flyer sent home for the Pizza Ranch. Sitting on Sue's desk with the dance flyer.
- March 7th. Same night at P/T conferences at Muir
- Robin to check with the Flyer - Need 5th grade help
- Robin will touch base with the 5th grade teachers. About volunteers.
- If we can't get volunteers we will cancel the event.

f) Science Fair – April 15

- Justin received an email from Kristen Luebbe
- Talking with a guy from UWSP to come and do a presentation
- Coming from Point and would be \$80 and last up to 90 minutes, after school
- She wants it open to the whole school.
- Nothing on the calendar yet.
- It would be at 6:00
- Looking for help from PTO, tri-folds and ribbons for judging.

- Justin to speak with Mr. Lor when he submits ribbons for track and field awards and see if we can place an order at that time for ribbons.
- g) Playwright workshop during art fair – Information
- April 26th same night as the art show
 - Performance 6:00 – 7:00
 - Art show starts 5:30-7:00
- h) Talent Show – Judging / Prizes
- Talent Show is April 8th
 - If big turnout April 7th as well
 - Justin has not talked with Sue yet to see how many turned in paperwork to participate. This paperwork is due Monday March 7th.
 - Auditions on the 10th and 11th just to make sure it is appropriate.
 - Judging and Prizes
 - Spirit sticks
 - Participation award.
 - Certificate
- i) PTO purchased scanner – Justin – Discuss
- Justin has scanned in everything and is on Google Drive.
 - Add Kim to have access to the Google Drive
- j) Boundary Study Update – Kristin & Justin
- Were on the committee since January
 - Thankful for the positives
 - East side is pretty much set
 - Will lose 4 students to Rib Mtn and gain 92 students from Lincoln.
 - There is a chunk of about 25 kids from Stettin and will be sending to Rib Mtn.
 - Keep positive
 - Robin is excited

- Very thoughtful thoughts and conversation

k) Anne

- PBIS coach at school.
- Upcoming event March 17th St Patrick's day theme all school celebration
- Looking for a way to get more parents get involved
 - 4 stations
 - a) Put a parent at each station
 - b) Kids rotate stations
 - c) 2:15, 2:20 last about an hour
 - More hands the better
 - Has been in the Pony
 - Looking for a Parent rep

l) Kim - Lunch for 3rd grade lunch

- Parents aren't getting greeted when they come to school
- Teachers did not greet the parents at all
- Doing lunches so Kim can get the parents in the door. To build the parents team, and get more volunteers.
- Emailed Teachers to see who the parent volunteer and she did not hear anything back.
- Need teachers help.
- Anne mentioned that during this lunch the Specialists had them before lunch.
- Robin to send Kim an all school schedule.
- Mornings – Riverside – Dad with donuts and mom with muffins, to get parents to come in.....PTO to sponsor.... DO at the beginning of school year.
- Also was mention of the cookout at the beginning of school, this is liked by families, if we can do something to get parent volunteers.
- Background check required to be in the classroom
 - Help for a 1 time PTO event

- Let Kim know if there are parents that want to come in to help correct papers.
- Anne – as a teacher she would feel awkward because of no background check.
- Pre-K has many families that participate and doesn't need a background check. Parent that can turn into a volunteer.

m) Choose New Meeting Date.

- Consensus to have next PTO meeting Tuesday March 15th.

Adjournment – 8:05 P.M.