

## August 2017 Horizon PTO Meeting Minutes

**People in Attendance:** Tammy Hopkins, Jamie Price, Dan Scire, Marquis Russell, Matt Weiss, Mary Dixon, Mary and Carlos Pulido, Marie Joy Carino, Margarita Campo, Larissa Olson, Eric Gebherdt, Amber & Steve Lureau, Nicole Murphy, Lisa Medendorp, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Micka.

***The meeting was called to order by Tammy Hopkins, President of the PTO, at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2017.***

**WELCOME:** Tammy Hopkins welcomed many new faces, and gave a

**CAC REPORT:** Meetings are 2nd Thursday of the month at Elgin High School. Our school is allowed to have 5 representatives from each school. Currently Tammy is our only representative.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Thelma Smith submitted a report (attached hereto). Checking balance as of 8/17/17 is \$11,618.00. We received \$662 from the Jersey Mike's fundraiser.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Dr. Schwardt reported that the building now has fresh paint and a new roof. 10/31 will be our school's 40th anniversary. Given permission to open a new section for 1st/2nd grade last week. District will re-evaluate our class numbers after labor day, and perhaps there will be new sections opened.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** 6th Grade teachers: Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Olsen, and Mrs. Micka.

### **EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS:**

- **HARVEST FEST:** This will take place on Friday, September 22, 2017 (4-7pm). We will sell hotdogs from Dogfather, chips, pop, cotton candy. This year we will have speakers with a music playlist in lieu of a DJ. Games will be Jenga, Mini Golf, and bowling. Seeking ideas for additional games. Paul will drive the hay rides again. We will have booths by the fire department, police department, chess club, HP Park District, Mad Science, and National Karate. The U-46 Book Bus (bus for kids to climb on and pick out books to read) will attend. We have called to request a price for the bounce houses. We are looking to get pumpkins from Caputo's, who will deliver them. The 4th graders have requested to sell Taffy Apples at the event again this year. Student council will make posters. We will offer wristbands for preorder, which will be the only way to guarantee a pumpkin to decorate. We have a \$50 Costco gift card donation, which we will use to buy chips, pop, etc.
- **SAVERS:** Pick up on September 25, 2017 at 10am.

- **LuLaRUE:** Mrs. Burhan's sister is a consultant, and offers a fundraiser. Date TBA.
- **ART TO REMEMBER:** Andrea Crone will help kindergarten teachers, and any other teachers requesting it, during the week of 9/25-29. It will be a 40 minute project. There will be low price options for parents, and we will receive a 25% profit on sales.
- **SPIRIT WEAR:** Order forms were distributed in parent Open House packets. Orders will be due 9/1. We may get a new vendor, but the prices and designs will not change.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** We are seeking a coordinator for this easy service/fundraiser.
- **COLLECTION FUNDRAISERS:**
  - **Box Tops for Education**
  - **Aunt Millie's**
  - **Tyson A+ for Schools**
  - **Coca Cola Gives (formerly My Coke Rewards):** This program is revamping. For every code submitted, we get money. There will no longer be a limit to how many points to enter daily. We will post about this on our Facebook page.
  - **Amazon Smile**
- **DINE N SHARE:**
  - **Chuck E Cheese** - September 1, 3-9pm. Teachers will receive a free meal and a chance in the ticket blaster. Flyers will be going out. We will receive a 20% profit.
  - **Chipotle** - September
  - **Portillo's** - October, during PTO meeting
- **BOOK FAIR:** This will be co-chaired by Amy and Jeanine. We had originally scheduled the book fair during parent-teacher conferences, but the district made changes to the timeframes for the conferences. We will discuss whether to change the dates at the next meeting.
- **ACCELERATED READER:** Nicole Murphy relayed some of the changes to the program this year. It will be more streamlined. Teachers will need to opt-in, either for their entire class or for licenses for selected students.
- **YEARBOOK:** Please submit any first day of school photos, and others, to [horizon.pto.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:horizon.pto.yearbook@gmail.com). Discussed to do the cover photo contest again, even though it was a pain.

**WEBSITE RENEWAL:** PTO agreed to continue website, but need to keep it more current, as it is not very helpful to parents. Jamie volunteered to provide monthly updates to webmaster, Nagendra D'Angela, who donates his time to the school.

***The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.***