

PTA Meeting Minutes 11/16/23

6:30pm Turtle Lake Library

Attendance-Establish Quorum

Treasurers Report- Currently, our finances are doing well and are under budget on carnival and classroom socials.

Principal's Report- Kristi has enjoyed getting to know kids throughout the school. One of the things she has enjoyed most is bringing kids pencils on their birthday. Recently they had the school improvement plan review with district staff that went very well. We have been doing fun events around school like the school wide Bingo and spirit week.

Teacher & Staff Updates

5<sup>th</sup>- Last year we started service learning project in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a former student who died of brain cancer after her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and we requested money to buy fleece and kids made blankets and donated to the hospital where the student had her cancer care. Last year was approx. 205 blankets. They plan to put in the special funding request to do this service project again.

4<sup>th</sup> grade-Just wrapped up geometry unit and working on multi digit multiplication. Working on word work and bringing in UFLI phonics curriculum and they have seen a lot of success so far. Orchestra Hall field trip coming up.

3<sup>rd</sup>-Working through the non-fiction reading unit. Next on to opinion writing with restaurant review. SEL talking about digital citizenship.

2<sup>nd</sup>-Math doing problem solving and number stories. Also using UFLI for phonics and kids are doing well with it. SEL on how we should feel proud and then what to do when we feel disappointment. Kids have enjoyed the Dakota/Ojibwe unit.

1<sup>st</sup>-Kids adjusting well to Turtle Lake. Working on UFLI. Had an author visit a few weeks back.

Specialist Highlights

Art-One of the highlights was from 5<sup>th</sup> grade as they are currently working on Optical Illusion Art and will be going on field trips to the local C.A.T. Museum to see their current exhibition.

PE-They are playing pickleball, quidditch and volleyball.

Science-4<sup>th</sup> graders learning about fossils and rocks. Star Lab is coming in January!

Music-Grades 1-4 have been doing some folk dances this rotation and its been awesome to see the joy on their faces.

Info Lit-2<sup>nd</sup> graders are currently wrapping up their digital citizenship unit.

Library-Over 23,000 books checked out so far this year!

Orchestra-We are gearing up for our first concerts on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Voting:**

Standing Rules-Discussed changes and voted to approve.

Vote of Elizabeth Ryan as communications chair/executive board member: We have a few things as it relates to the Standing Rules and are waiting on this and moving to a future vote.

Special Funding Request: Vote of budget update for school directory of \$200. Voted to approve additional funding request. School directory should be up and running in the coming months.

**Carnival**-Overall we grossed \$20,500 and our net funds generated was \$13,800. Discussed idea of being inside again as a backup due to inclement weather. Discussed ways to utilize the gym/cafeteria.

**Thanksgiving for all**-\$7027.80 all donated for Ralph Reeder. Discussed additional matching programs.

**Restaurant Night**-Held on Nov. 3 and 15% of the profits with to TL and \$300 raised.

**Book Fair**- Net proceeds were \$4656. We still had money on past years that we are going to split evenly between the grades.

**Gifts for Others**-Kicked off. Items due Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Kindergarten Liaison**-Recent happenings are communication nights, book fair and upcoming bingo night in January.

**Classroom Enrichment**-9 teachers have requested for funds with classroom enrichment. We are expecting more as the year continues.

**Grade Level Projects**- Brain pop jr. subscription by first and second grades. Anticipating a special request for blanket project.

**Open Positions**- We welcome new committee leaders! We still are looking for a Restaurant Night Coordinator for this year.

### **New Business**

-Submitting insurance claim for water damage in PTA closet. Losses include signs, spirit wear, prizes.

-Winter social event: We do have money left in our social budget so we discussed ideas for this event.

### **Announcements-**

No school Nov 20-24<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting date: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023