

MINUTES

Packanack Elementary PTO

Date September 15, 2022 *time* 7:01pm *Meeting called to order by* Amy Scaturro

In Attendance Principal Rogalin, Amy Scaturro, Kelly Delaney, Brittany Arthur, Tammy Maher, Michelle Forlenza Erin Dubow, Lauren Turano, Christina Mains, Alexis Moakley, Lexie Cullen, Jen Graf, Nikki Densmore, Mrs. White, Marissa Bush, Nicole Torrent, Erin O'Boyle, Lauren Till, Val Shields, Sami Fusco, Lisa Picinic, Shelley Pasqua Brown, Jess Galarza, Aimee Lokitz, Lynda Konzelman, Lisa Sorace, Meghan Tissot, Melissa Gorman

President Update

- Introduction of PTO Board
- We will follow Robert's Rules of Order at all meetings
- We will have a full time SLO officer this year, not shared with another school
- We've had a great start to this school year- the Ice Cream Social was a success, thank you to Nikki Densmore and Alli Hollender
- Thank you to Jackie Bauer and Jess Galarza for teacher's back to school breakfast
- We have 150+ members on MTK currently
- Thank you from Amy to the Board and committee chairs
- 2021-22 Year In Review:
 - Successful Picture Day, holiday boutique and Book Fair
 - We held virtual assemblies and author visits
 - Family Fest and Field Day were a huge success, kids had a great time
 - Birthday Books will be back this year with Mrs. Muhlnickel
 - Added picnic tables and umbrellas
 - Teachers were each given \$75
 - Our new playground was our biggest fundraiser last year and we are so thankful to Mr. Rogalin, Mrs. Collins, the PTO and all volunteers
 - PTO Enrichment ran for the spring session, hoping to run 3 this year

- Fundraising- raised \$29k from calendar fundraiser
- Penny Wars was also lucrative and the kids loved it
- Wayne Council of PTO- encouraging people to donate and also shop at Browse 'N Shop, also always looking for volunteers

Vice President Update

- Class parents will be picked this weekend, one class parent MUST attend each PTO meeting

Budget

- Trying to keep the fundraisers “small” this year compared to last year when we needed a large fundraiser for the playground
- Running Enrichment, Fall Fundraiser (hoping to do a Color Run, but our field is being dredged because the stream is leaking into it, hoping to do first week of November)
- Julie McGraw family photos on weekends in Sept/Oct, slots filled super quickly, hoping to add more dates
- Pizza One pizza night on 9/20, we get 10% back
- School pix are 9/28
- Rundown of all committees and their purpose
- Media Center volunteers will be back this year
- Reminded all committee chairs of their individual and committee responsibilities. Binders were prepared to hand out tax exempt forms, responsibilities, etc
- Motion made to pass the budget by Tammy Maher. Seconded by Lauren Turano. Budget was passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

Principal Roger Rogalin presented his principal's report:

- BTS Night recap: We have a new nurse, Mrs. Otverchenko, adjusting to our new system and our school
- We have 2 new LLD classes

- NAPE statistics showed that language arts and math scores are down, our district performed well
- We will be doing a lot of benchmarking this year, they are all state mandated, called Start Strong
- We have a new camera, security system. 15-18 camera sites around the building, with the ability to track people throughout the building
- Assemblies will be back in person
- 5th grade parents/committee- will meet on 9/20 with Mr. Rogalin

Committee Reports

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- Mrs. White reported for the teachers- Everyone is settling in and getting to know the kids, establishing routines
- Thanked the PTO for the first day breakfast and agendas for the 3rd graders, Story works and Scholastic subscriptions
- Wanted to reiterate that if dismissal needs to be changed, email Mrs. Hasson and the teacher. Also email Mrs. Hasson if you need to come into the school at any time

Old Business

- n/a

New Business

- Question of drop off procedure and the traffic flow issues were brought up. Perhaps eliminating one of the Ratzel Rd drop off doors might help the student flow. The suggestion of having all students in one family enter at the same door so parents aren't dropping kids at multiple doors was made
- Suggestion made of having a teacher or helper at the door to help younger kids get out of the car to move the flow of younger kids
- 3 aides are being provided to help in each K class
- Concerns also brought up about aftercare workers arriving after 3 pm and the safety issue of them driving through parents/kids waiting for K kids

Next Meeting

October 3rd, 7pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 by Amy Scaturro.

Submitted by Kelly Delaney, Recording Secretary