

PTO Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023

- I. We opened the floor and started our elections for officers for next school year, '23/24 and Kim also talked about the chair positions that are available to gauge interest in those.
 - A. The officer position for president will be broken into two Co-Presidents positions for next school year, '23/24. Kim Day, our current PTO president will fill one Co-President and Caitlyn Byrd was nominated by Kim Day as the other Co-President and she accepted. We took a vote. There were 12 yea and 0 nays for Kim Day as Co-President and 12 yea and 0 nays for Caitlyn Byrd as Co-President.
 - B. The officer position for Secretary will be open as Jessica Gambino will no longer be at FCE next school year. 😞 Kim Day nominated Cassie Owen for this and she accepted. We voted and got 13 yeas and 0 nays.
 - C. We also voted on the current officers that are staying on for next school year '23/24.
 - 1. Vice President: Amanda Hays
 - 2. Treasurer: Megan Hill
 - 3. We voted and there were 13 yeas and 0 nays for each candidate.
 - D. Chair positions that PTO members were interested in chairing next school year,
 - 1. Grounds Coordinator:
 - 2. Events Coordinator: Lori Hensley has agreed to take on a few big events for next school year but maybe not all of them.
 - 3. Fundraising Coordinator: Jen Ritchie has agreed to head up Playground Fundraising but does not want to be responsible for all fundraising for next school year.
 - 4. Staff Appreciation Coordinator:
 - 5. Fence Sign/Playground Banner Coordinator: Hallie Hearnese will take on this.
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Currently it doesn't look like we will meet the expected budget for Merchandise sales and Dine Out for Dollars this year.
 - B. We need Carnival Sponsor to turn in their money soon.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Laila Sherrod organized getting Covenant House of Grooming sponsorship for the Teacher Appreciation lunch this week from Salsarita's.

It was a hit and the teachers loved having that to look forward to after the long Easter break.

- B. The ABES basketball Fundraiser raised around \$1,800 between merchandise, tix sales and concessions sales once everything was split between the two PTOs.
- C. The Ham 'N Goodys fundraiser brought in \$2,664! Thank you Amanda and Megan for organizing that!
- D. A few PTO families spruced up the campus for Grounds Day on Saturday, April 1st. Campus looked great for Kindergarten Round Up held earlier today! Thank you Lori Hensley for organizing that!
- E. March Dine Out for Dollars:
 - 1. Panda Express for the month of March we earned \$46.59 out of total sales of \$232.94.
 - 2. Marco's for month of February and March we earned \$50
 - 3. Marco's for month of April we earned around \$16
- F. A few PTO families that live on Gibbs Drive held a Lemonade Stand for the ribbon cutting for the Dogwood Arts Festival. These families raised \$408.00 and donated it all to our annual project/Playground Fundraiser. Thank you families!

IV. New Business

- A. Spring Picture day is this Wednesday, April 12th from 8-10am. Kim volunteered to help with that
- B. Spring Carnival is this Friday, April 14th 4:30pm-7pm
 - 1. Lori has enough volunteers and Jen has the hot dog stand taken care of.
 - 2. Jen needs 13 insulated coolers for sodas.
 - 3. Setting up at 3:30pm.
 - 4. We are just waiting on sponsors to turn in their fees.
- C. Playground Improvement Project
 - 1. We will have a Spring P4P that runs Monday, April 17th through Friday, May 12th (field day). We will get the jugs into the classrooms this Friday, April 14th. We won't advertise with families until the week of April 17th. Jess will draw up flyers for families and she will get the jugs to the teachers.
 - 2. We are thinking the winning class rooms, heaviest jug and jug that raised the most, will get a Bubble Dance party. TBD
- D. Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 1st.

1. Kim has encouraged all of us to let our teachers, TAs, and staff know how awesome they are to us!
- E. Teacher Appreciation Lunch Friday, May 5th.
1. First lunch begins at 10:30am.
 2. Caitlyn is working with Louis Italian Restaurant on getting a sponsorship or partial sponsorship for this.
- F. Art Show is Friday, May 5th 5-7pm
1. Robert Kelso DDS will sponsor drinks and snacks for the event.
 2. 5th Grade Student Council will help direct traffic for this event and help with the food table.
- G. Field Day Friday, May 12th
1. PTO Volunteer, Allison Neal is meeting with Mr. Powers Friday, April 4th at 9am to go over so additional stuff PTO would like to add this year.
 2. PTO reimburses Mr Powers \$200 for things needed for Field Day.
- H. Dine Out for Dollars:
1. Cassie is working on getting Firehouse for Thursday, the 18th.
- I. Pep Rally Friday. May 19th
1. The theme will be something "summer".
 2. Mr Blaine mentioned maybe getting the CHS chorus group this time.
 3. We usually have the CHS Cheerleader and/or dance team, football players, baseball players or basketball players come help us.
 4. Kim wants to see if she can get the officer and K-9 to come to this.
- J. 5th Grade Graduation Signs
1. We currently have 29 graduation yard signs. We need around 76.
 2. PTO will need to buy 43 more yard signs with Parrot Printing \$8/piece.
- K. 5th Grade Awards day is Monday, May 22nd in the evening.
1. 5th grade teacher Mrs Driskell will purchase the awards and cupcakes. PTO will reimburse her.
- L. 5th Grade Day, Awards Assembly for grades K-4th, and class parties is Tuesday, May 23rd
- M. TA's lunch we will send them to Chop House. Teachers or possibly PTO volunteers will cover their lunch shift in the cafeteria.
1. We need to get a date on the calendar.
 2. PTO pays for this.
- N. Kindergarten Tea
1. Need a date on the calendar.

- V. School year '23-24 things to start thinking about:
- A. The Dogwood Arts people offered to donate some dogwood trees if we need/want any.
 - 1. Lori Hensely will get a flier about the free dogwood trees next school year.
 - B. Skatetown for a Fundraiser for next school year.
 - 1. Cassie Owen found out it can be a great fundraiser and can be a great event to get our families and community out for a night.
 - 2. More Information at a later date.
 - C. Fun Run or Pepcat Prowl add back to the school year.
 - 1. Nita Sexton is heading this and more information next school year.

VI. Principal Remarks:

Mr. Blaine was so thankful for all we do for the school and teachers. He was super appreciative PTO helped host the ABES vs FCE basketball game and went on to say how much fun everyone had.

** Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6pm.