

# PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

## I. Welcome – Ann Uschold

## II. Introduction of present PTO Board Members, parents and teachers

## III. Financial Report – Ann Uschold for Karen Duncan

- a. Budget submitted for review
- b. Estimated \$1500 earned from Scholastic Book Fair. The more books we sell, the more books the school earns.

## IV. Fundraising Report – Amy Herendeen

- a. Spirit Wear Update: sold 128 items earning \$264.90, will have another order in the spring
- b. Tiger Dining Out Update
  - i. Chik-fil-A earned \$105; Firehouse Subs – amount earned pending
  - ii. Next Tiger Dining out: 10/24 from 5-9pm at Buffalo Wild Wings, bring flyer for 15% of sales to go to Hanna Woods
- c. Tiger Treats Upcoming Dates: 1/9 & 3/13 at Smoothie King, 5/23 at Fritz's
- d. St. Louis Cardinals Calendar Sales
  - i. NOW until 11/9, calendars will be delivered the beginning of December
  - ii. Sell for \$15 each; PTO earns \$6.50 from each calendar sold
- e. Pretzel sales
  - i. Orders due 10/31 for pretzels delivered on Friday 11/2
  - ii. Previous sales total \$727.45 (summer school and September sale)
- f. Tiger Spirit Fund: \$2000 goal met!! Can still donate all year.
- g. Box Tops
  - i. Ongoing collection, contest NOW until 10/26.
  - ii. 2077 Box Tops collected as of second week = \$207.70.
  - iii. Top class in each grade earns extra recess.
- h. Schnucks eScrip: Total of \$90.97 earned (June-August)

## V. Adult Involvement – Amanda Cravens

- a. We have had volunteers for ALL events except Prop S Canvassing.
- b. Evaluation of recent events:
  - i. Family Picnic at Schroeder Park – about 30 families attended, plan to do again.
  - ii. Fall Parties – went well.
  - iii. Scholastic Book Fair – larger than last year and plenty of volunteers.
  - iv. Trunk-or-Treat – next year will go back to having a committee for this event.

## VI. Community Involvement – Stephanie Hadfield & Krista Roberts

- a. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 10/9 went well.
  - i. Please give any feedback to Stephanie or Krista.
  - ii. Next breakfast will be held before winter break.

## VII. Teacher Report – Mrs. Helms: No report.

## VIII. Principal Report – Dr. Roberts

- a. Next week:
  - i. Student voting event – helps students learn about the voting process.
  - ii. Red Ribbon Week (drug/alcohol use prevention)
- b. Veteran’s Day Assembly on 11/12 – send forms back to invite your veteran
- c. Progress Reports will be available on 11/16
- d. *Trauma Informed School Initiative Presentation* by Mrs. Hays – School Counselor
  - i. Hanna Woods is working to become a Trauma Informed Building
    1. Last year training was done with teachers on awareness.
    2. This year’s plan is to involve parents in the process.
  - ii. Social Emotional Behavior Learning
    1. Children’s brains are developing differently because of exposure to technology and constant input from media.
      - a. Children are more stressed out with increased access to media, exposure to more things.
      - b. Increased anxiety can lead to increased attention concerns and increased stress.
      - c. Impossible for children to learn when they are in the fight, flight or freeze part of their brain.
      - d. Teachers are working on how to get children back to the learning part of their brain.
    - iii. Hanna Woods is creating an atmosphere and helping children to learn coping strategies:
      1. Children learn to regulate and dysregulate.
      2. Using mindfulness strategies: Mind Yeti [www.mindyeti.com](http://www.mindyeti.com) (some free videos parents can watch).
      3. Calming Corners: spaces in the classroom a child can use if they are dysregulated and need to calm themselves.
      4. Zones of Regulation:
        - a. Children are taught the zones and check in each morning to tell the teacher what zone they are in.
          - i. Blue: sad, sick, tired, bored, moving slowly.
          - ii. Green: happy, calm, feeling okay, focused, ready to learn.
          - iii. Yellow: frustrated, worried, silly/wiggly, excited, loss of some control.
          - iv. Red: Mad/angry, mean, terrified, yelling/hitting, out of control.
        - b. GREEN Zone is optimal for learning.
      5. Curriculum in class is developmentally based and includes take home worksheets.
      6. Support at home:
        - a. Create calming spaces at home.
        - b. Model behavior and self-care.
        - c. Ask children what zone they are in, model discussing your zone.
        - d. Complete the home link worksheet with your child.
        - e. Play outside and be engaged with your child.
    - iv. Contact [vhays@parkwayschools.net](mailto:vhays@parkwayschools.net) for questions.

- e. *School Diversity & Parent Involvement Committee Presentation* by Mr. Cohee (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Mrs. Finch (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade).
  - i. Parent Involvement Committee and PTO partnering together goals:
    - 1. Hanna Woods parental involvement with events that meet the social, cultural and economic demands of the school community.
    - 2. Have parent representative(s) on the committee.
  - ii. Diversity at Hanna Woods affects school events and involvement
    - 1. Diversity Committee
    - 2. New “Around the World Club” for Grades 3-5: discuss culture, language, food, etc. from different student backgrounds. Hopeful to have a similar program for younger grades in the future.
    - 3. Diverse population:
      - a. Need awareness of students’ ideas, values and interests.
      - b. Determine how to involve culturally diverse volunteers, appeal to their interests.
        - i. Park Activity: take some activities off school grounds where some families may feel more comfortable.
        - ii. Summer activity: meet city families half-way.
        - iii. School community team building
    - 4. Parents interested in participating on the committee or for questions/more information, contact: Mr. Cohee [jcohee@parkwayschools.net](mailto:jcohee@parkwayschools.net) or Mrs. Finch [wfinch@parkwayschools.net](mailto:wfinch@parkwayschools.net)

**IX. Old Business – Dr. Roberts:** Proposition S Bond Issue NO tax increase bond issue on ballot 11/6

- i. Bond funds are for safety/security of the buildings and necessary maintenance/upgrades.
- ii. Hanna Woods projects are listed on large sign in front of the building.
- iii. Changing strategy for canvassing:
  - 1. Literature drops done on your own time, typically 1-hour time commitment.
  - 2. Given a list of addresses and door hangers to place on front doors.
  - 3. Email Dr. Roberts at [kroberts@parkwayschools.net](mailto:kroberts@parkwayschools.net) if interested.
- iv. Yard Signs are available – see Dr. Roberts to receive one.

**X. New Business**

- a. November PTO Meeting – Ann Uschold
  - i. In the past, the November meeting was for the PTO Board only. PTO decided to have typical open meeting for parents/teachers on Tuesday, November 13.
- b. PTC Fast system for Conferences – Pam Stork
  - i. Please give any feedback for the conference sign up system to Pam Stork.
  - ii. Feedback at the meeting was positive: easy to sign up, ease of signing up multiple students at one time and receiving email reminder.

**XI. Upcoming Events:**

Wed, Oct 24 from 5-9 pm	Tiger Dining Out at Buffalo Wild Wings
Mon, Nov 5 & Tues, Nov 6	No School
Tues, Nov 6	Election Day – Vote for Prop S Bond Issue
Wed, Nov 21-Fri, Nov 23	No School – Thanksgiving Break

**XII. Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm**