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PTO Meeting Minutes – September 14th, 2021 6:00 pm

VIA ZOOM Time: Sep 14, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/3065544821?pwd=SS9rb1VPaXczYVFoU3pjRkxJeWlyQT09>

Meeting ID: 306 554 4821 Passcode: PTO9.14.21

Welcome – Diana Hernandez – Please sign in on the chat or label your participation so we can give a dress down pass to your child.

In attendance: 25 participants including two teachers and two administrators

Meeting began with Doc Thorson saying “hello” and letting parents know how happy he is to be here working with students and staff. He commended the commitment to the school and remarked how well it runs with the support from families.

Focus – Timeline (Oct 22nd in classrooms) Mrs. Turner will have a short presentation about this event. It will be in the classrooms this year, teachers will send out more information as we get closer as they choose theme, time or focus. Parents begin talking about choices and costumes. We will try to take pictures, maybe we can have one central place for photos.

Treasurer’s Report-Diana Hernandez

We are waiting on refund from cancelled events, at this time we have no expenses but two checks outstanding. Donations collected were \$460.00. Danielle would like to set up a sign up genius for water donations. She will begin the fund with \$100.00. At this time the balance in the account is \$570.00.

Secretary- need a volunteer... Minutes from last meeting on file in office and sent to families via email. Gerardo Capote volunteered to take on this role, he will begin to record minutes, share with PTO and families, and monitor the email. The board will work with him to get him caught up and include him in executive board meetings once a month. The participant were grateful for his volunteering and accepted the nomination.

Vice President’s Report – Diana Hernandez

The chili-off has been cancelled due to COVID, Mrs. Turner noted that on the sign up genius and put it in the last email.

Principal’s Report – Mrs. Turner

Please welcome Sandra Ziebold to our school, she comes with experience working with all populations of students and especially exceptional education. She will work closely with Mrs. Turner to assist in meeting needs of our students in ESE and GSP. At this time masks are mandatory with very few opt outs. No new cases to report, many respiratory infections and many negative tests coming back. Please and thank you for staying home if ill. Review of BPS policy on 9 days in one semester, after that truancy or possible retention can take place. Quarantining is for positive cases and those quarantined by DOH. Teachers will work with those students to get work completed, no eLearning but we can meet on Google or Zoom with teachers to answer questions or receive help. This will be case by case. Two new facilities for COVID tests (one on Minton near Field of

Dreams and one in MI Kiwanians club). If a student or teacher is quarantined, they can contact DOH and make an appointment for them. Watch BS for other sites that may be available on a day by day basis. School Improvement Plan will focus on Social Emotional Learning at this time. We are still waiting for scores to populate into the template to complete this document. WE have petitioned the state for the A grade to count, this will continue our “high performing “status”. Keep Brevard Beautiful Grant submitted by Sarah Kline was not chosen but they wished us well. Our request was for \$500.00 to get native plants and light for the front entrance and sign. At this point, we have already added a light to the sign. Jacqi Hughes said she will talk to her family member who is a master gardener about helping out with the plants. All meeting for IEP, EP, 504, conferences, PTO and activities will be virtual until we see a change in COVID numbers or BPS changes their hold. The incident on Monday was that of smelling burning and seeing sparks from a liquid that somehow ended up on a surge strip. Teachers evacuated and pulled alarm which triggered the Fire Department and Law Enforcement to respond. Our Sergeant on duty took over to handle situation. All students and staff were evacuated in under five minutes and stayed out until surge strip was removed and firefighters deemed the room and school clear for return. Mrs. Turner emailed all families to inform them of the event. Alarm has been reset and inspected, all cables and surge strips replaced. No long term damage to equipment. Finally, ART to Remember is finishing up. They will be mailed this week with brochures returning on October 8th. Orders can be filled until October 29th for a delivery of November 18th. Last order (late) can be January 1st 2022. Each student will have a unique number to go online and preview and order. There is an option to upload your own work if you are not happy with the selection. We receive a small portion of all sales to go to PTO funds. These are great gifts for the holidays. Mrs. Turner is still looking for an ART or MUSIC teacher for Friday. Until then, teachers and Mrs. Turner will work with students.

Teacher’s Report – Mrs. Heine – All students are working hard in the classrooms. K (room 4) is learning practical life skills (pouring, cutting) and routines. Grades 1 and 2 (room 7) are preparing for Spirit Day on Oct 1st with a focus on EMPATHY. They are becoming “scientists” and learning to work corporately. Grade 1 & 2 (room 8) are learning rules and responsibility and how to be good citizens. Grades 3 & 4 are learning fact families, arrays and multiplication and factoring. They are also learning about Pirates. Grades 5 &6 completed a district writing test and working on main ideas and details. In math they are learning place value, multiplication, division, rate, ratio and percent. All grades are focusing on loss from COVID and reinforcing with reading interventions of comprehension and fluency.

No other comments, suggestions, or concerns

Next Meeting: October 12th 6:00 via ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Turner