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PTO Meeting Minutes – August 16th, 2022 6:30 pm

Welcome – Megan Naugle

Childcare- Principal, Mrs. Cheryl Turner, is seeking the assistance of another adult to provide childcare during PTO meetings. It would be better to have two adults as opposed to one. In the meanwhile, children can remain in the meeting with special considerations when discussing sensitive issues. Interested registered and background checked volunteers may connect with Mrs. Turner.

Review of minutes- Gerardo Capote and Tanesha Wilson- Minutes were emailed with August news and are available for review online. Additionally, a copy will be kept in the school's office.

Focus – Mrs. Cheryl Turner

- 1) **Timeline-** Our annual Timeline event is approaching, and preparations are already in place. Student participation will be based on grade level. The Kindergarteners have started practicing some patriotic songs. Parents of First and Second graders can be on the lookout for a letter to submit two choices of famous historical figures from which students will select one. They will submit two lines about the chosen person. The selection process will then move to Third and Fourth graders who will have a bit more speaking time. Students in the Fifth and Sixth grades are encouraged to choose a figure with whom they truly connect. Less obvious choices are welcomed and even famous family members. Students are encouraged to stay away from religious figures. This event will be held at Calvary Chapel.
- 2) **New computers-** Each student has been issued a Chromebook. The school had to pay \$8,000 for extended licensing to ensure that students were able to access the browser for State testing
- 3) **State Testing-** State testing has just concluded for VPK, K, 1st and 2nd grade. State testing for 3rd graders should have started on September 14, 2022. However, this was a bit delayed because of the licensing on the browser on the newly issued Chromebooks would not allow the test to run. This has been taken care of as the school has paid \$8,000 for this the new license. Each student from K-6 is being given three (3) state tests which will not be used for promotion status or any decision making. It will be used simply to track

student progress and to assess need gaps to know what to work on. This is not a grading year.

Treasurer's Report –

- 1) **Balance-** The account at present has a balance of \$8,561.17. This includes a recent deposit from Amazon Smiles. Additionally, checks for teacher's supplies at the beginning of the year have been cleared.
- 2) **Box Tops and Amazon Smile-** Parents are encouraged to continue using Box Tops and Amazon Smile to allow the school to benefit. Adding Educational Horizons to an Amazon account comes at no additional cost to families. Parents can even ask family and friends to as Educational Horizons to their accounts. In Amazon Smile, Educational Horizons can be found under Satellite Beach. There are also electronic versions of Box Tops that can be accessed virtually. If parents are interested in learning more about these passive income sources for the school, they can connect with any member of the PTO Board.
- 3) **Future Projects-** The PTO Board opened the floor for suggestions for the use of the current PTO funds. Suggestions provided included:
 - I. **A new microphone/ public address (PA) system.**
 - II. **Covering for the playground-** Ms. Turner advised that this option was explored before and was simple not very feasible.
 - III. **A new Message/ Notice Board-** suggestions raised by PTO members included an electronic board, a magnetic board, and an enclosed board. Ms. Turner has tasked that a PTO member research the different options and advise in the next PTO meeting.

Vice President's Report –

- 1) **The Chili Cook off** is scheduled for September 15, 2022, from 6-8PM. There is not a lot of set up and clean up required, so parents are encouraged to come on time. The venue, Calvary Baptist, is offering the use of the space at no associated costs. A motion was raised for offering the church \$125 in PTO donation. This motion was accepted with no objections. It is important for families to keep their children safe at this social event. The PTO Board is looking for volunteers to chair next year's cook off: interested parties are urged to contact a member of the PTO Board.
- 2) **The Lego Club** is being organized by PTO VP- Jessica Applewhite. It is scheduled for Wednesdays 3:15-4:15PM in the months of October and November. The first meeting is schedule for October 5, 2022. Parent signature is mandatory for participation. Students have until September 23, 2022 to sign up. The scheduled meeting dates may change based on the schedule and availability of volunteers. Volunteers are needed and interested parties may connect Ms. Applewhite. There is the hope that the club will return in the Spring.

- 3) **Fall Festival-** A proposal was presented for a Fall Festival on November 3rd or 4th of 2022. The proposal included quotes from Wickham Park as a possible venue. The proposal suggested that the Fall Festival be a social event and there would be booths with activities from caramel apple dipping, pinecone decoration, scavenger hunts and sack races. Each classroom would be assigned a booth and parents from that room would provide the time and materials needed from that station to be successful. The proposed PTO contribution to this event would be \$300 for the venue. Parents were very receptive to the idea of the Fall Festival. With that in mind, many members felt it would be better to table it and add it to the calendar for next year since there might not be enough time for planning.
- 4) **Morning Mile-** The Morning Mile is an opportunity for students (with parent participation strongly encouraged) to get some physical activity before classes begin. This will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on October 3, 2022. It starts at 8:00AM, so students need to be at dropped off before 8AM to participate. Volunteers are needed and interested parents can contact PTO President, Megan Naugle.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Turner

- 1) **New computers-** This item was discussed earlier.
- 2) **Calendar Events**
- 3) **Staffing Updates-** Mrs. Tina Reyes, LMHC will begin SEL with students shortly. Mrs. Hays has returned to teaching Kindergarten. The school community extended warmest of wishes to Mrs. Hays on her return. Ms. Melissa has agreed to change status from Substitute Teacher for Room 7 to complete the school year. This means that the instructional team is now fully staffed. There are no openings at this moment.

Teacher's Report –

- 1) **Donations-** donations are needed for printing pictures. Parents can connect with teachers to see how they can assist.
- 2) **Math Prodigy-** Math Prodigy results are in for 3rd and 4th graders.
- 3) **K through 2nd Grade:**
 - a. Students now have their new chrome books.
 - b. Testing completed week of 9/13/22 and results will be out soon.
- 4) Grades 5&6: Jim Kennedy is coming soon and the Math curriculum has started.

PTO member nomination day – New PTO Members are: No new members

President: Megan Naugle

Vice President: Jessica Applewhite and Alicia Savela

Treasurer: Candice Walker and Diana Hernandez

Secretary: Tanesha Wilson and Gerardo Capote

Other Items

Fundraiser for October- starting on October 3rd, parents are encouraged to have students bring in loose change (coins and dollars) to submit in the classroom jar. All Fall-themed decorated jars will be stored in the classrooms and students will be able to submit loose change in the month of October. At the end of the fundraising period, the money in each jar will be calculated. The classroom with the most money collected will get to order something from its Amazon Wish List.

Concerns and questions?- None were raised.

Next meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 6:30PM. The Focus will be the Science and Engineering Fair for grades 4-6.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tanesha Wilson