

Minden Elementary PTO Minutes  
August 20, 2019

Introductions, around the table.

Present: Tiffany Ginocchio, Stacia Almeida, Richelle Pegram, Kaycee Summers, Amy Carter, William Harvey, Damasa Miller, Wendy Lang, Heidi Castaneda, Jen Oddo, Tonya Charles, Ken Stoll

Volunteer review - [signup.com](http://signup.com) worked well for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Reviewing form for collection of parent info to add to lists. Jen will make copies for peaches for the next couple of weeks.

Discussed new Boxtops for education app and ability to scan receipts to log Boxtops.

Reviewed budget from prior year and evaluated the budget for each line item for coming year. AR is no longer in place, but an idea was initiated by Mrs. Endter for students to select a new book at the library on their birthday. A motion was made by Wendy Lang to revise the AR Reading Program line item to a Birthday Book Program line item at the same amount of \$2,500. 2nd by Tiffany Ginocchio, passed unanimously.

Mr. Stoll reported on new staff members - Ali Morian from GES is a 5th grade teacher, Josh Lang is back to Kindergarten from within the district and Paige Miller is also new in Kindergarten. Damasa Miller, Amy Carter, Pam Ertel, and others worked on decorating with painting the walls with trees for each grade level with the students' hands. Positive messages are also added throughout the school for constant reinforcement.

Mr. Harvey solicited a PTO member to attend DPAC meetings, 6 meetings throughout the year. 1x per month at various schools, usually 5:30-7.

School Resource Officer for elementary schools is based out of Minden, Rick Koontz. We are working towards being a single point entry school where access is limited and must be buzzed in to access the school. Lockdown drills will be held 1x per month in order to become second nature, in the way fire drills are.

Tiffany introduced the theme for the year - We may all be different but in this school we swim together. (Ocean) We will kick off with the Walk a Thon on October 11.

Welcome back breakfast recap - everyone appreciated. Would lunch be a better meal? Yes. Discussed light continental breakfast and more focus on lunch. Probably only need 2 Starbucks coffees next year. Gift cards were a huge hit. Fruit was a big hit. Yogurt, granola, and coffee would be good for next year.

Ice cream social recap - Pop ups and designated grade areas were a huge hit and made it much easier. We also sold about \$100 in spirit wear. We would like to be able to take cards... can't attach credit card processing to the school.

Walk a Thon confirmed for October 11. Kick off will be September 20th - Heidi Castaneda will manage the assembly. Tonya described the Walk a Thon fundraising event and activity, discussed t-shirts go to all students. Jen Oddo will track sponsors in Excel and then track student earnings as well. Sponsors who earn a logo on the shirt will need to be collected and finalized. T shirt sizes will be collected at back to school night. Need Wendy to email CVMC and ask for their support again for the water bottles and water station. Need someone to contact grocery stores and get donations for oranges or cuties donated. Stacia will solicit donations for cuties for 400 students. Need assistance with prize and prize levels

determination. Kaycee Summers volunteered to work on this, Damasa will assist. Discussion re: prize level of swim center. Rent for a Saturday night private rental to invite families. We do have Heavenly passes available for Grand Prizes, Stacia will get the specifics to Tiffany. Would rather do experiences than pizza parties for classes this year. Teachers can earn “take my duty” by walking the most laps.

Back to School night table - fliers and spirit wear for sale.

Adjourn at 7:11 pm