

Mills River Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

September 15, 2022

1:00 pm (In-Person)

Meeting Called to Order/Attendance

- *Introductions, welcome all new parents – we're happy you are all here*
- *Attendance: Katherine Dare, Nicole Sweat, Kacie Tilley, Lauren Klocko, Tracy Klaes, Whitney Powell, Amy M'Kinstry, Jessica Lucas, Kelly Cagle, Kelly Hooper, Katie King, Stacey Klepp, Amanda Ledbetter, Natasha Sidwell, Autumn Morton*

President's Welcome

Amanda Ledbetter

- *Fast Pass – we made nearly \$1,000 the 1st quarter, walking around really helped and we should continue doing that, was asked if we could use it for morning car rider line (possibly asked this before & because of safety it wasn't allowed, will ask again)*

Treasurer's Report

Nicole Sweat

- *Larissa was out so we didn't get the report in time, but normally we have a full report*
- *We spent most of our \$ on the STEAM Lab/Ms. Cox' classroom, our fundraiser for last spring*
- *\$15,000 in the bank right now*
- *Pebble Go - \$1,999 – we voted yes to spend it – maybe next year we ask who actually uses it*

Vice President's Report

Lauren Klocko

- *Nothing at this time*

Secretary's Report

Katherine Dare

- *Sent out last month's minutes in an email – if you didn't get them or need them just ask*
- *Katherine will do her job with minutes next month*

Dads Group

Brandon Tilley

- *9/23 Dads Open Doors*
- *Explanation of Dads Open Doors, Clean Up Day & Pumpkin Day*

School Store

Helen Parris

- *Plan for purchasing & implementing*
- *Explanation of School Store by Amanda & Nicole – same as last years, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30-8:00 a.m., same as last year how it is run, keeping prices low, training for the kids who apply, teaches them how to handle \$, opening 1st week in October, 3 applications so far (1 more in box after the meeting)*
- *School Store Dollars for Fundraiser Incentive – can we? – we can but we should purchase our own items for \$s to be purchased so we don't interfere with School Store profits & supply – we will work on those items that we need to purchase*

Fundraising Committee (The Rock & Fast Pass)

Katherine Dare & Emily Householder

- *9/29 - Fall Fundraiser & Incentive Planning & Goal: playground equipment*

- *Monday, September 19th we will meet at 9:00, location TBD (Hendough), to finalize Fundraiser Incentives & all other details – all welcome, we’d love your help*
- *Explanation of the Read-A-Thon, reading minutes to be logged, discussion on how to hand out & deal with the School Store \$s, special guests to read to the students*
- *Boosterthon vs. Get Movin’ for Spring Fundraiser – Explanation of new proposed calendar fundraiser & how it would be nearly pure profit v. Boosterthon who take a large percentage of our profits (last year we earned \$65,000 and they took nearly \$35,000 of that in their fees) – New fundraiser costs would be a small fraction of those fees (credit card fees & whatever PTO decided to spend \$ on as incentives) – Concerns re: 2 new fundraisers in the same year – Concerns over guaranteed profit from Boosterthon v. new fundraiser unfamiliar to families – Discussion re: how much \$ Boosterthon gets is not worth what we pay them for their service, our kids are missing out on a lot of \$ v. their involvement at school*

Volunteer Coordinator

Kacie Tilley

- *9/29 Fall Festival Spiritwear Table Sign-up – Kacie to send signup for 2 hours*
- *9/30 Duty-free lunch Sign-up – Kacie to send signup for grades not classroom so parents/caretakers can sign up for the grade their kid/kids are in instead of feeling like they can’t help if their child’s particular class is full*
- *10/27 Pumpkin Day w/Johnson Family Farm Sign-up – explanation of how pumpkins delivered & who we need to volunteer, we will ask for 15 volunteers to unload on Pumpkin Day*
- *Explanation of her role for signups*

Spiritwear

Autumn Morton & Natasha Sidwell

- *A lot of staff bought later in the week after Meet the Teacher, we sold over \$1,800 so far*
- *Suggestions to buy plastic totes – Autumn & Natasha want plastic totes to sell shirts*
- *Again, we need a credit card machine*
- *School spiritwear days are Fridays, Falcon Fridays*
- *Kacie will do a table signup for Fall Festival*

SPAC Meeting

Katherine Dare

- *Nothing yet*

Staff Appreciation Committee

Courtney Ball & Amy McKinstry

- *N/A*

New Business

Amanda Ledbetter

- *Filling remaining open positions and buddying-up with retiring members*
- *Not reached*
- *Purchase Request Forms and how we approve them*
- *Not reached*

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting- In-person: October 20th

Virtual: October 20th

Special Workshop Meeting: September 19th