



## Weller PTO Meeting Agenda Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Attendees included PTO President Shelley Buch, Vice President Andrew Boeke, Treasurer Natalie Mercker and Secretary Katie Fulkerson

### I. Welcome

Shelley Buch

- Meeting began at 9:03am

### II. Officer Reports

#### A. Secretary – September Minutes

Katie Fulkerson

- Minutes were approved at 9:05am

#### B. Treasurer Report

Natalie Mercker

- Outgoing Expenses
  - Teacher and grade allotments
  - Principal's fund
  - Rally Up student prizes- Kona Ice, Silly String, stickers and pop-its (reissued check)
- Incoming
  - PTO memberships
  - Rally Up raffle deposits
  - Restaurant takeovers
- Motion to approve
  - Approved 9:32am

#### C. Vice President/Principal Report

Andrew Boeke

- In November, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be taking the OST test. Reading portion will be paper and pencil as requested by Weller. Schools are seeing a discrepancy in writing due to stamina and using computers for the last 18 months since the pandemic began
- The state is mandating Social Emotional Learning (SEL) requirements as part of their criteria. The school district is looking at programs that can be integrated into school curriculum instead of teaching it separately.
- New playground equipment has been a success. 5<sup>th</sup> graders have talked with Mr. Boeke about getting rid of zones (limiting number of kids to certain play areas for covid protocol) during recess. Mr. Boeke has listened to them but isn't ready to decide yet

#### D. President

Shelley Buch

- Membership- at 135 members
- School Directory- only 70 families have not completed the online registration in Home Access Center. Mr. Boeke decided to process without them in the directory. Final directory will be emailed to PTO members in the next couple of weeks
- Adopt-a-Family- to ensure everyone's safety, organization is asking for \$50 gift cards (Target, Walmart or Kohl's) which they will give to children in lieu of wrapped gifts. This change means we can sponsor 6 children instead of 3 within our approved budget. Will pick one store to get cards from
- Thanksgiving – no pie slices being distributed this year during lunch due to supply issues.

- Halloween Parties/HR Parents – all classrooms are covered. Kristi Edge reaching out to classroom parent organizers to check in and make sure everything is going well. Also, all parent volunteers will be entering through the front door to follow safety protocol. Will not be allowed to use back entrance
- Parent Teacher Conference food- one of the Jimmy Johns restaurants downtown will be covering subs for the teachers. It will cost \$181 for 120 sub pieces. Also includes delivery

### III. Committee Reports

#### A. Kroger Community Rewards

Kylene Spalding

- Mrs. Gutmann's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class won
- Kylene is working with Kroger to get on getting their prize
- We would love to increase that number and earn even more free money for our school. If you haven't linked your Kroger Plus Card, it is not too late. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and select Weller PTO or Organization # ML376

#### B. Trunk or Treat

Carol Bodish

- Currently, 21 cars are participating. Would like to have at least 30 for it to be successful. Will send out an email and post on school's Facebook page to increase participation.
- Popcorn will be provided by What's Poppin'. We purchase one jumbo bag for \$21 and they will give us 4 free jumbo bags
- Apples, cotton candy, and juice is all taken care of
- It was discussed that the contests for best trunk and best carved pumpkin will be judged by Shelley Buch, Andrew Boeke and Carol Bodish

#### C. Restaurant Takeovers

Beth Jones

- Chipotle Takeover - \$297.26 vs \$185.21 Dec. 2020; \$324.79 Nov. 2019
- November – Rapid Fired Pizza – November 2, 10:30am-9:00pm
- December – AR Workshop DIY Kits, December 3-17

#### D. Fall Grounds Cleanup

Nick Gagliardi

- November 6, 9:30-11; rain date November 7
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their leader walked the grounds last weekend and came up with a comprehensive clean up list. They are creating a flyer to send out and should suggest bringing their own tools
- Mr. Boeke was impressed with the "to do" list and had a few other suggestions to add if there is allotted time
- Nick should have info on how to contact high school students to recruit them if they need service hours

#### E. Curriculum Advisory Council

Colette Steiger

- Council had reached out to students who tested low on MAP tests last school year and offered summer classes for free to help close the educational gap
- Panorama Student Survey was offered for free to students beginning in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to assess their perception of teaching and learning. Will be doing it again in spring
- Next meeting: Nov. 18 and will focus on building improvements

#### F. Spirit Wear Sale Update

Robyn Bueltel

- Record sales of \$2078.60. Items have been mailed or an email went out about picking up items at store depending on the delivery option that was selected at checkout.

Orders that were selected to will be sent home from school will be delivered to the school later this week

G. Parent Connections Meeting

Robyn Bueltel

- 3 meetings a year; held at the high school at noon
- This meeting was focused on students' social/emotional welfare. Meetings are typically more relevant to older students (ie: middle and high school students)
- Common thread that was seen was social media and bullying, and anxiety
- Next meeting: January 2022

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

A. Next PTO meeting November 16 at 9am

B. Sign Ups:

Trunk or Treat: <https://signup.com/go/wNrcfSe>

Conference Food: <https://signup.com/go/emjcYvo>

C. Open Positions: Still in need of Wellerfest chair

D. Rapid Fired Pizza takeover on November 2, 10:30am-9pm

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:03am