



# WOODLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

## PTO Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 4, 2022

**Time:** 3 pm

**Location:** Media Center and Zoom online

**Attendance:** Kristie Spenner, Ali Shinnick, Lisa Cox, Jen Emerick, Alyssa, Fox, Allison Kaufman, Emily Dunlevy, Katie Eller, Katie Eller, Christine Fournier, Lacie Coleman, Kristine Kokoszka, Sarah Black, Adrian Bowie, Hannah Nimblett, Meghann Fairchild, Ann Whelan, Mrs. Wagner, Mark Pecrella, Morgan Greene, Allison Kaufman, Geoff Oman

### 1. Introduction: Ali Shinnick

- We have sold 344 tickets to the Hornets game already. Our group sales rep said they have never seen a group of our size sell out that fast ever. We have added seats to our group to accommodate the number of people interested.
- Ali proposed spending \$21,000 (\$3500 per grade level) to cover field trip transportation costs. A board vote was held electronically prior to the meeting, but we voted in person to have it on the record. Teachers expressed great appreciation for this and said it will have a huge positive impact.
- Ali made a motion to spend \$21,000 to fund field trip transportation costs or any other field trip expense for all grades during the 2022-2023 school year. Each grade would receive \$3500 toward field trips. Motion passed unanimously.
- SIT discussion and voting. SIT needs a new parent representative. Two parents put their names in: Alana Johnson and Miranda Zoltanski. Present board members voted and those

not present were sent a link to vote online. Mrs. Spenner will tally the votes after all votes have been submitted.

## **2. Treasurer:** Katerin Traugh

- Not present. Will give update at next meeting.

## **3. Principal Update:** Kristie Spenner

- Thank you for the transportation funding for the field trips. Teacher response to this news was overwhelmingly positive and excited.
- Penny wars was a huge success— \$3,339.50 collected for United Way.
- Volunteer training: 229 parents attended the sessions offered at Curriculum Night. Two more training sessions will be offered in October. Dates TBA soon.
- Thank you to teachers that are driving buses and helping get kids to school.
- Thank you for the amazing Hocus Pocus rock painting, Dawn Burkett! Everyone loves it.

## **4. Spirit Night Update**

- We made \$814.30 in food credit from Chick-Fil-A for the September event. This is much less than we've made in the past, but there were several factors affecting this. One- Chick-fil-A has decreased the percentage they give us now from 20% to 10%. Two- this is the first spirit night we've had since the second restaurant location opened, so business was much less. Three- There was a bad car accident which snarled traffic in all directions during the spirit night, preventing many people from getting there.
- Next Spirit Night will be at Barcelona Burger on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>. They will donate 20% of all proceeds from 5-8:30 pm.
- Next Chick-Fil-A spirit night will be in January at their new Talbert rd. location.

## **5. Attractions Guide Sale Update:** Ali Shinnick

- We made approximately \$6112. It was a great sale!
- We still have around 112 books that have not been returned or paid for.
- Attractions Guide isn't going to make us pay for the unreturned books. Ali asked the teachers remind their students/families to return or pay for the books.

## **6. Go Bags from Lockdown International:** Christine Fournier

- Lockdown International located out of Huntersville works with different schools and businesses. Go Bags contain specific medical supplies that may be needed in the event of a school shooting. They work with schools to provide the supplies and train staff how to use them.
- Staff buckets already contain many of the items included in the Go Bags, but we determined 5 critical items we do not have: hemostatic granular packets, medical shears, halo tourniquets, chest seals, and Israeli bandages. We are considering 65 buckets. Cost is \$5395 for all 5 items. Cost includes free training to show staff how to use the items.
- We are also looking at bullet-resistant film for all windows and cement barriers for vulnerable areas outside the school where a car could be driven into the building. Spenner said the cafeteria already has bullet resistant glass.
- Lacie Coleman shared via Zoom that her husband's company has a system called ULTRA that acts as a distracting series of noises over the PA system when activated by anyone with a remote. Dog sounds, firetrucks and people talking, etc. can throw a shooter off through psychological distraction. Activated by one button. The main system is \$2,000, with a smaller cost for the remotes. Ali expressed interest in setting up a meeting with Harrison Coleman for a product demonstration.
- We would like to put bollards in the front of the school along the car rider line and possibly the back of the building. We are looking at possibly having a few that can fold to allow access for delivery trucks. 24" for 31 would be around \$85 per bollard to \$105 per unit. This doesn't include the plastic cover or installation. For the back we are looking at how many we would need.
- We've had one or two parents express interest in making a single item donation in the realm of \$5,000 to go toward a specific purchase. These safety improvements could be a good item to suggest to the donors. Spenner will work on obtaining official quotes for all items discussed.

## **7. Annual Fund Campaign Discussion: Alyssa Berglund**

- Kicking off the campaign on October 17th. We would need to determine what we're fundraising for. Ideas are the previously discussed safety enhancements and a media center renovation.
- We would like to add to the letter that if there are individual donors that would like to sponsor an item or project, they are welcome to contact us individually.
- Alyssa proposed renovating the media center to be more modernized in look and feel and outfitted with cutting edge technology. With our enrollment going down as competition with other schools has increased, a state of the art media center could be a huge draw for prospective families.
- Mrs. Bowie suggested incorporating active learning into the design. Mrs. Black suggested incorporating sensory learning.

**8. Movie Night Discussion:** Ali Shinnick

- Was rescheduled to October 7<sup>th</sup> due to weather.
- Marcos and Jeramiah's Italian ice were able to reschedule.
- We will send out sign up genius one more time.

**9. Trunk or Treat Discussion:** Ali Shinnick

- October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Next Meeting:** November 8th at 9am in the PTO room