



PTO Executive Committee Board Meeting

May 4, 2022

Attendees: Beth Carmody (Principal), Nissa Cox (President), Sara Dahlstrom (Past President), Anne Babick (Vice President), Anna Anderson (Treasurer), Elke Rehbock (Assistant Treasurer), Amy Kay (Communications), Michelle Cullen (Assistant Communications), Jessica Newell (Secretary)

Call to order at 9:07 am.

AGENDA:

President (Nissa Cox)

Updates/Gratitude:

Lunch Program - officially switching to Marla's. Anne will work on getting this set up.

Earth Week presentation by Shedd - presentation for the 2nd graders, was recorded and may be passed along to other grades for viewing.

Teacher/Staff Outing - Pinstripes, was a nice day and well received.

Yearbook - the order has been placed. We have 3 families (totalling 4 kids) who have opted out.

Admin Asst Day & School Nurse Day (May 11th) - flowers for Rosa and Margie. We will do flowers and a blast for Ashley as well.

World Travelers (Louisa Balach-Indonesia) - wonderful presentation was sent out to teachers. Kids will watch this week. Lobby is decorated.

Faculty Fun Lunch, etc. this week - lunch will be on Wednesday, May 4th because this is the national teacher appreciation week. Thank you to Kerry Rogers and Bridget Hawkinson for coordinating the lunch.

Paws for Patrick - Jenny Loring helped facilitate getting D36 on board with the "Turn the Towns Green" initiative. We will place signs and ribbons around school.

Coming Up:

2022/2023 Volunteer Sign Up Genius - Anne/Nissa will work on getting this organized. Need to discuss when we want this sent out.

Bike Rodeo May 11th - emails and information will go out to 2nd grade families.

Mayfest May 22nd - we are moving forward with a rain plan.

Field Day June 3rd - students will be grouped by classrooms. T Shirts will be by grade level. They will rotate through stations and the committee will help this year, but volunteering in shifts. No food, may do sunglasses if there are funds leftover.

4th Grade Farewell June 7th - planning is underway. The video is almost done and ready for review. Jump drives are ordered. Event will be similar to last year with music, a photo booth, and an ice cream truck. Swag is also ordered (tshirts). More signs were ordered for this year. Will review the timeline with Beth. Tagline is "Riding the Wave".

Principal (Beth Carmody)

Interviewing for a psychologist position.

Time of year we start discussing staffing for the following school year.

May 5th is the Special Board meeting where they recommend/vote on the new D36 superintendent.

Teacher Representative (Gary Wendt)

Staff grateful for the Pinstripes event and teacher appreciation - thank you to the PTO.

WGST anchor stools came and they are beautiful and the kids are thrilled! We may need a new stand for the teleprompter. Gary has been cataloging everything we have digitally and will begin to work on VHS/DVD/CD cataloging this summer/fall.

Spring Thing - main stage will be the round steps on the playground. We may decorate the area with twinkle lights and sidewalk chalk. May need help hanging the lights. 3D artwork will be hung outside of the art room, towards the playground. Rain plan will be to move inside - main stage in the auditorium, DJ in gym. General store will be available (2nd grade commerce unit).

Secretary (Jessica Newell)

April Minutes - 1st: Amy 2nd: Anne Minutes. approved.

Mayfest Update

Vice President (Anne Babick)

Grounds Update/Garden - meeting with Red Spade to review drawings for NE corner, which would be implemented after the fence is replaced later this summer. The front, stone hedge has been re-mortared, along with Mann Park. Aunt Ruth's garden will be accessible during the construction. Kids have been weeding and spreading mulch to help around the school grounds.

Room Parents - take a brief pause on communications since we are using them heavily to promote Mayfest. We can pick this back up after Mayfest.

School Board Meeting Report - main topic was Trisha's retirement. A lot of families voiced concern that they want input. Info shared on the bus contract and discussion on whether it should be subsidized or taxpayers who aren't using the bus shouldn't pay for it. Presentation on how they are aligning Skokie/Washburne - academic, extra curricular, homework expectations, focus on executive functioning. The alignment has started and teachers are participating in order to help. They are making an effort to integrate more movement into the school day. Confirmed director of ITL - Becky Mathison.

Treasurers (Anna Anderson & Elke Rehbock)

Vote on 2022/2023 Budget - 1st motion: Anne, 2nd motion: Elke. Budget approved.

Communications (Amy Kay & Michelle Cullen)

School Nurse Day blast 5/10, Mayfest 5/16 & 5/19 (thank you blast on 5/23), Volunteer Sign Up Genius 5/25 @ 9am (mentioned on 5/23 thank you blast), Field Day (6/2 blast with reminders)

Meeting adjourned 10:15am

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 24th

Next Exec Meeting: Wednesday, June 1st (outgoing and incoming boards)