



**PTO Executive Committee Virtual Board Meeting  
March 11, 2021**

**Attendees:** Beth Carmody (Principal), Sara Dahlstrom (President), Nissa Cox (Vice President), Sandra Carlson (Treasurer), Brenda Miller (Assistant Treasurer), Annie Cudney (Communications), Amy Kay (Communications), Nicole Roberts (Secretary) Maggie Bietler (Past President)

Call to order at 1:32pm.

**Approval of 2/3/21 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes emailed. Sara motions. Brenda seconds. All in favor. So moved.

**\*2/3/21 Minutes saved to Drive. Nicole will send 3/11/21 minutes by 3/18/21.**

**Treasurer's Report – Sandra Carlson & Brenda Miller**

On budget despite challenging year. Generous contributions. Teacher appreciation week netted over \$8000, well above last year's total. Increased to 22 baskets. Added second lunch. Balance to be used for end of year teacher thank you.

**Principal's Report – Beth Carmody**

Board determined schools will offer on-site lunch, with at home option. IDPH rules (3 to 6 feet of spacing) require changes to seating (more desks, etc.). Playground must be divided. Survey will gauge parent interest in on-site lunch. Planning for lunch, recess, and specials, underway. PTO to sponsor picnic tables (will reimburse district). FAQ for parents will be created on specifics of full day in person school within IDPH guidelines. Concerns will be addressed by centralized response team within District/Board. Majority of teachers vaccinated. Information session regarding shift to full day can be offered if beneficial to HW community.

**Vice President's Report – Nissa Cox**

Nissa to join Green Team meeting on Earth Week. Room parents and families can assist in basket creation for Mayfest if needed.

**Communications Report – Annie Cudney & Amy Kay**

Item forthcoming. PTO offers kudos for website update.

**President's Report – Sara Dahlstrom**

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Success. Brenda to draw winners and drop prizes.

STEAM Night: Tonight.

World Travelers: Pushed to week of 26th.

Field Day: Sara to Zoom with chairs. Awaiting guidance from District. Likely single class activities spread across Field Week. PTO doing t-shirts.

Bike Rodeo: Changed to 6th.

4th Grade Farewell: Gina Gooden will do video. All chairs in district to coordinate.

Mayfest: May 14th slated for 4pm livestream raffle. Online raffle outsourced to private company. Michelle from Kiddos making carnival themed lunch sponsored by PTO.

Beth will draw winners. PTO to distribute prizes. Teachers can be invited to sponsor by offering Zoom experiences. Selma Nemeth may have list of past sponsors. Will review with Beth. If needed, room parents can build classroom or grade level baskets using parent donated items or funds. Prize booklet will be sent home. Sara will ask Mayfest committee to explore options for 4th grade participation.

WGST archiving: Will send request to parents for archival help.

Landscape Club: Mr. Wendt and Mr. Scheetz asked PTO to partner (fixing mudholes, adding woodchips, etc.). Parent and student involvement. Beautification and Garden budgets can support.

Yearbook: Kindly requests heart shaped aerial shot of 4th graders by April 23.

Exec Board: Slate in Item. Final vote in two weeks. Will distribute dates for end of year exec meeting. Sara and Nissa will brainstorm a PTO drive by "thank you."

April 19th: PTO will plan something special for teachers and students for first full day.

Meeting Adjourned.