

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

## PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO President, Emma Faasse, called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

### Guest Speaker: Christine Carlile, WEF Treasurer:

- **Wyckoff Education Foundation** fundraisers for all 4 elementary schools and the middle school. WEF works with Dr Postma and the principles to decide each year where the funds raised will be applied. This past year, WEF purchased the broadcast studio equipment that allows each school to create podcasts and broadcasts; Mrs. Levine gave a demo. 2021-22 funds will go to stem and robotic initiatives.
- How you can get involved! Become a trustee which entails meeting one night per month and time to spend on the fundraising activities (Wef.nj.org). Upcoming fundraisers are the 'Fun Run' in the spring and potentially a comedy night.

### President's Report (Emma Faasse)

- September minutes approved, by **Shab Benz and Karen Peck**
- **Thank you's**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reps for getting pizza lunch up and running. And all of you who have signed up to volunteer.
  - The Spirit Wear Committee (Debra, Theresa & Amy) for getting us the first batch of orders just in time for Fridays Assembly.
  - Green Ambassadors (Erica, Brooke & Jenny) for putting together a successful walk to school day this morning. And to our friendly neighborhood cougar.
  - Thank you to Sarah & Beth for coordinating and working the book fair. And for those of you who volunteered.
- **Book Fair!**
  - The book fair was today and will continue during school tomorrow.
- **Important Dates:**
  - Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Harvest Festival
  - Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Parade
  - November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. Next PTO Meeting
- **Ongoing:**
  - **Goffle Brook Farms Fundraiser**
    - Decorating for fall?
    - Visit Goffle Brook Farm and mention COOLIDGE at checkout and the school will receive 15% back on purchases made through 10/22!
    - \*Mulch and fresh product are not applicable.
  - **Spirit Wear Store.** Did you order your blanket?
  - Be on the lookout for NEW products to be announced via email and Facebook.
  - **We are Wyckoff Spirit Wear Sale** (District Wide)
    - Launches Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Details to follow. There will be a drop down for you to select Coolidge.
- **PTO Facebook Page** was launched and will have the same information as the newsletter.
- **Special Projects – Gaga Pit:**
  - To be installed by the Cub Scouts and parents. Budgeted – 7k. The Board of Education to approve the location.

### **Treasurer Report (Kristina Fulco)**

- Budget was approved at the last meeting. Revenue is 22k, but expenses have not been paid, yet.
- Outgoing expenses greater than \$500: \$2500 to Wyckoff PTO coordinating council
- PTO membership was greater than expected – thank you
- Teacher select: teachers have started sending receipts
- Coordinating Council Dues increased from 2k to 2.5k
- Clarification was provided on the PTO membership dues vs. class money
- Reimbursement process went paperless

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Sarah Jacobson)**

- If chairs need a sign-up genius, feel free to send Sarah an email and she will set it up and inform the president, so it can go into the newsletter.
- Directory – hope to have it distributed by the end of October.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Kelly Hartevelde & Lauren Kavanagh)**

- **Fundraisers:**
  - Box tops – download the app on your phone; easy way to make money by scanning your grocery store receipt.
  - Pizza love fundraiser was in Sept – 15% of proceeds are donated to Coolidge. Next one is Tues, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (chocolate bars with a golden ticket) will be sold in November, details to follow.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report (Mrs. Needleman)**

- From Mrs. Needleman:  
We enjoyed meeting all of you at Back to School Night. We hope you had an interesting and informative night!

The teachers would like to thank you so much for providing us with money to spend in our classrooms every year through the Teacher Select program. It is such a wonderful way for us to get what we need to benefit the kids. Thanks for your generosity!

I would personally like to thank the many volunteers who have signed up to help out in the library. It has made such a difference! There are still some slots open if you are interested in helping out.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather!

Thanks,  
Sue Needleman

- **Media (Stacy Firstman):** Media Volunteer Program sign up still has a few open spots, a link to the sign-up spreadsheet can be found on the CoolidgePTO.com website.

### Economy Shop Report (Erica Jalil)

- Economy Shop will reopen soon (in Oct). The shop is run 100% by volunteers, all proceeds go to the schools. Shifts are 2 hours and when you volunteer you could also find some amazing stuff! The sign up will be available on the PTO website.

### Green Team (Erica Jalil)

- Jenny Feliciano and Brooke Lagstein are co-chairs.
- The committee and mission are to embrace and appreciate the earth.
- Children can sign up to be a green ambassador. There will be 6 meetings by grade. During the meetings, children will help maintain the courtyards and outdoor classrooms and learn about sustainable planting. Look out next week to sign up your child.

### Theme Day Reps (Shab Benz)

- April 1<sup>st</sup> the PTO will take over the school with the theme, Road Trip USA. Lots of volunteers needed to decorate the classrooms. The entire event is run by parents. Planning has started and 4 or 5 states have been taken.

### Principle Update (Robert Famularo)

- Welcomed everyone to the cougar café (PTO meeting is in the MPR which is used for lunch). With the weather getting colder, **lunch** will be inside more. The transition between periods is quick and the kids have been taught to clean up after themselves. **Recess** has been outside, we do this to keep them safe and not have to contact trace, by keeping them 6 ft apart.
- For **pick up**, when the cones are placed in the parking lot entrance, it is to keep cars out when the lot is full, which keeps everyone safe. It is not safe when people don't follow the rules. Thanks to those that follow the rules. And please **do not park or block handicap spaces** and spread the good word.
- **Safety patrol** is up and running in the morning – greeting families and keeping the flow of traffic moving.
- **Art studio and chorus** are in full swing.
- **Band** started for 4-5<sup>th</sup> as well as **student council**.
- Encouraged **participation in WEF** to represent Coolidge and the district. Coolidge accepted the donation of the pod caster and is looking forward to using.
- Dr. Postma – will share guidelines on volunteering in the school and vaccination. **As of Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, volunteers need to show proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test.** The Friday email will have information on how to upload the documentation.

- Shout out to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade reps serving pizza lunch they worked hard.
- (It would be helpful to have a list of volunteers ahead of time so Mrs. Krey can check if volunteers are vaccinated ahead of time. This requirement is when volunteering, not when attending PTO meetings, parent teach conferences, etc.).
- **Week of respect** – celebrate all the things we hopefully do all year round. Fun way to celebrate with the colors. Chalk and kindness were done today. A video was shown during lunch and some other fun activities are planned. School wide meeting planned for this Friday outside (weather permitting).
- **Start Strong Assessment:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 days next Tues and Wed.
- **Halloween parade (10/29)** will be outside, and parents are invited. No parents permitted in the building for parties or getting the children dressed.
- Lots of **formal and informal assessments** are being done and delivering explicit instruction and small group instructions. Teachers continue to get to know students and setting routines.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by: Shab Benz and Christine Carlile**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Megan King  
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