



Five Oaks PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 20th, 2023

7:00 - 8:00pm via Zoom

Those in attendance:

Board Members - Elizabeth Staly, Kimberly Hawk, Katie Hickenbottom, LeAnn Gentry
Staff - Kelly Laverne, Allyson Dubuque, Kristy Brady, Oday Vega Alvarez, Amy Borlaug
Parents - Ashlee Richards, Kellie Slee, Arisbeth Martin, Claudio Arechiga, Jennifer Brinkerhoff, Julie Sutton, Aija Butler, Justin Wiles, June and Julie

Call To Order - 7:03pm

Welcome and Introductions: Board members and school staff introduced themselves.

Review of March Meeting Minutes (approval required) - Motion to approve by Elizabeth and seconded by Kimberly. Minutes approved.

Principal's Report - Kelly Laverne, Allyson Dubuque and Kristy Brady

This week due to multiple student conflicts there was a reset of expectations in classrooms for the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Smarter Balance state testing will occur the week of May 8th from 9:15 - 11:15, which means the daily schedule will be modified. The administration is planning to provide students with snacks during this time, which the PTO is helping to fund. Students may be opted out through their parents and either arrive at school at 11:15 or will be given a quiet place in the school to go to.

Staff are excited for Staff Appreciation Week coming up!

President's Report - Katie Hickenbottom

All of the board positions are available for interested parents who want to serve for the 2023-24 school year. The position of Secretary will be vacant and Kellie Slee is willing to be nominated. Other board members are willing to serve in their current positions but will step down for new candidates to serve in a position. Message the board at

volunteercoordinator@fiveoakspto.org if interested. Board elections will be held at our next meeting.

For Staff Appreciation Week May 8th-12th, the PTO will have a wellness theme by providing Jamba Juice on the 8th as well as individual flowering plants sought through donations from Lowe's and Home Depot. On May 10th, there will be a Snack Attack bar so staff can make healthy individual snack bags with items we'll seek through family donations. A potato and salad bar with desserts will be the focus on the 12th with 80 baked potatoes and toppings being donated by Stanford's. Family donations will be sought for drinks, salads and desserts. A ParentSquare message will be sent out.

An organization offering summer camps reached out to share their information regarding soccer, softball, LaCrosse, volleyball, baseball and tennis camps. Check out season2sportscamps.com for info.

Vice President's Report - LeAnn Gentry

McTeacher Night at McDonald's was very successful! Many teachers and families were there but we are still waiting to hear how much we fundraised. The Papa Murphy's event this month only earned \$19.72, but overall this year we have taken in \$848 from Papa Murphy's, so it seems worthwhile to continue with this venue.

Please contribute to our BottleDrop account. Blue bags are available through Kim at treasurer@fiveoakspto.org. Also consider Box Tops and linking a Kroger Rewards account to FOPTO. We are still collecting sneakers for GotSneakers in the school lobby.

For next year, the school will hold a fundraiser for the student body fund in the Fall, so FOPTO will need to hold a Spring fundraiser. The possibility of continuing with poster boards with a focus on veterans for Memorial Day was discussed. Julie Sutton inquired how much per \$50 poster board the PTO keeps - Kim will research this and report back. We made over \$10,000 with this fundraiser last Fall. More volunteers on the Fundraising Committee would be most welcome as are other ideas, keeping in mind our target intake is \$6000.

Treasurer's Report - Kimberly Hawk

March Budget Report: The ending bank balance for March was \$13,347. We received \$373 for Restaurant Nights between Papa Murphy's and Krispy Kreme and \$8 from GotSneakers. Expenses included \$251 for Art Lit reimbursements, \$691 for Request For Funds #02 and #03, \$232 for Staff Appreciation and \$18 for a fundraising expense.

Requests For Funds: Amy Borlaug presented a request for \$175.06 on behalf of the 7th grade science teachers. They are seeking funds for supplies for an ice cream lab as part of their chemistry unit and states of matter focus on changing liquids to a solid. **Kim made a motion to approve and Ashlee seconded. Motion was approved.**

Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Kimberly Hawk for Christina Griffith

Family donations will be needed for Staff Appreciation Week as discussed earlier and anyone who can help set up and clean up is welcome to help!

Art Lit will be held for eighth grade classes on Friday, May 19th. The lesson focuses on Alma Thomas and involves painting. A training will be held the week before - details to follow.

Mr. Morrison and Ms. Hains are still seeking volunteers to garden with their eighth grade classes once a month through May. The next opportunity is on April 26th with Mr. Morrison. No experience is necessary and one needn't have an eighth grader. No one signed up on April 12th with Ms. Hains, so please come if you are available!

Open Forum

A question was raised about the problems/conflicts occurring between students at school, which appear to stem largely from online bullying and social media interactions as many students have accounts set to public. The administration encourages parents to monitor these activities and the times of day students are using devices to communicate, as many messages have occurred in the early morning hours. Students are coming to school with a lack of sleep as well as anger towards others. A new Campus Supervisor was hired recently. Julie asked about peer support groups during the middle school years and it was agreed this can be very effective. The school is working towards building leadership teams.

The meeting was adjourned by Katie Hickenbottom at 8:04 pm.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 18th at 7pm via Zoom.

Minutes taken and submitted by Elizabeth Staly.