



Five Oaks PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17th, 2022

7:00 - 8:00pm via Zoom

Those in attendance:

Board Members - Katie Hickenbottom, LeAnn Gentry, Elizabeth Staly, Kimberly Hawk, Christina Griffith

Staff - Kelly Laverne, Kristy Brady, Oday Vega Alvarez, Ruby Fuller

Parents - Ashlee Richards, Matt Doyle, Jennifer Brinkerhoff, "Zoom User"

Call To Order - 7:05pm

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

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

Principal's Report - Kelly Laverne

The school has received so many positive comments and support from the community regarding the veteran's poster boards in front of the school.

Eighth graders just finished the ACT testing, which will allow a comparison to scores across the country and gives them a chance to see how these types of tests are done to prepare for later testing in high school.

Thanks to the PTO for funding the first Blazer game after hours field trip since 2019 on November 15th. It was a big success with about 90 students enjoying pizza and an exciting basketball game.

We are partnering with Epic Life Church to deliver 50 food boxes to families in need of a Thanksgiving meal at 10:00 am on November 19th. Everyone can come join and help pack food.

A canned Food Drive will be held from November 29th to December 15th with the goal of filling Kelly's office with 2000 food items. Sixth grade AVID classes and leadership teams will help to gather and collect donations.

Following the Thanksgiving break, November 29th will be a Community Day. There will be a guest speaker regarding our connection to Kalapuyan lands and Native Americans in this area. Volunteers are needed as well to assist with a community-based project in classrooms. A fun activity for December 16th, the last day before Winter Break, is being planned.

President's Report - Katie Hickenbottom

Ruby Fuller, our School Support Specialist, presented information about Social Emotional Learning. This is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply knowledge, attitudes, and emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions. BSD middle schools are using the Character Strong curriculum with a focus on students taking responsibility for their actions and problem-solving through restorative conversations. More information can be found at CASEL.org.

Internet Safety for Kids & Families Program - there will be a Zoom presentation on December 6th at 7pm that is 75-80 mins long with questions. More details will be sent out via ParentSquare.

Vice President's Report - LeAnn Gentry

We raised \$41.99 from October's Papa Murphy's event. Our next Restaurant Night occurs on December 9th at Papa Murphy's in Tanasbourne. The fundraiser only applies to full priced menu items and the code GIVE 30 cannot be combined with discount codes or sale items.

The November 15th event at Mapel Boutique was well attended but the total amount earned has not been reported yet. We may plan a McDonald's event next year. More families have been contributing to our BottleDrop account. There is a 20% match on contributions through December 1st. Blue bags are available through Kim at treasurer@fiveoakspto.org.

Treasurer's Report - Kimberly Hawk

October Budget Report: The ending bank balance for October was \$4915. We earned \$678 for Restaurant Nights, \$16 from GotSneakers, \$116 from Kroger Rewards and \$200 in company matches. Paypal donations for the Fall Fundraiser totaled \$1034 with another \$10 going specifically towards the Staff Appreciation Fund. Expenses include \$200 for donuts to reward the sixth graders for the fundraiser and \$539 for the SuperPlay reward field trip, \$1210 for Blazer Night, \$90 to reimburse Kristine Rice for RFF #01, and \$45 for decorations for Fall conference meals.

Requests For Funds: Dax Balzer submitted a request for \$1700 to purchase ten "rigs" of camera phone packages to create a photography/ videography pathway for students that repeat his media arts class. These will be used for the yearbook and school news network. There were some questions raised that could not be answered as Mr. Balzer was not present at the meeting. A motion was made by Elizabeth to table the vote and was seconded by Ashlee. The motion passed.

Addendum - after consulting with Mr. Balzer the following day, the Board agreed to approve \$510 for Mr. Balzer to purchase three rigs.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Christina Griffith

Katie Hickenbottom reported that the first session for Art Lit, presented this week to the sixth graders, was a big success. There were enough volunteers, the costs for supplies was low and students were very engaged. Dates for the ACL, seventh and eighth grade students are still being planned for next year.

We need one more volunteer to help hang the Fall Fundraiser poster boards in the cafeteria on Monday, November 28th from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Open Forum

Christina had a question regarding lockdown drills due to an incident at BASE. Kelly explained the plans, procedures, tests already done, and upcoming drills at Five Oaks.

The meeting was adjourned by Katie Hickenbottom at 8:25 pm. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 15th at 7pm via Zoom. Minutes taken and submitted by Elizabeth Staly.

