

PTO MEETING - PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

NOVEMBER 10, 2009

INTRODUCTIONS: Kelly Leusch welcomed the group to the meeting and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the September 8, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Steve Huber to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amy Wilkins reported the profits from the Hawk Walk and Fall Carnival. Both events were very successful.

1. Carnival profit: \$9,166.40
2. Hawk Walk profit: \$10,574.11

Leanne Halvorson made a motion to approve the Treasure's report. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER REPORT: (Kristi Urich)

1. The volunteer coordinator at Prairie, Kathy Waycoff, has organized a volunteer orientation. All are welcome and if anyone is interested contact Kristi Urich, Prairie Heights Volunteer Coordinator, for additional information.
2. Currently, there are openings for reading and math volunteers.
3. Volunteers are needed for Staff Appreciation, Thanksgiving dinner, and Conferences. Sign up sheets are moving around the room.
4. Kristi also mentioned volunteers may be needed for the upcoming Multicultural Fair in the spring.

President's report: (Kelly Leusch)

1. Bulletin boards are being constructed in the front hallway for "Teacher's helping hands". This is a teacher's wish list for their classrooms. This may give ideas to families who wish to purchase a holiday gift for their child's teacher. Christine Oshel is spearheading this project.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Updated process for the Umbrella meetings held prior to PTO meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Rules for the Umbrella meetings are currently being revised and Mr. Schipper will bring those back to PTO when complete.
2. The Hawk Walk goals were discussed and how to reward the kids for the funds collected. A tiered bonus system may be developed to encourage the students to raise money.

3. Mr. Schipper stated t-shirts for the Hawk Walk is a popular feature and would like to continue the practice. It gives every student a t-shirt that may not have an opportunity to get a Prairie Heights t-shirt.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: (Mr. Whitehead)

1. Playground discussion: Several options were given by Mr. Whitehead to move forward with the plans for the new playground construction for summer 2010.
 - a. Remove the entire playground and start planning for the new one with the funds provided by the district. The district plans to spend \$100,00.00 on the project.
 - b. Save a small portion of the current playground at the PTO expense and move forward with the district plans for a new playground.
 - c. Tear down the current structure and use the district funds and the funds the PTO have saved for a new playground. The PTO has saved approximately \$34,000.00 to contribute to the project.
2. The group in attendance voted to tear down the current structure and move forward with the bidding process and architect planning.
3. The discussion will continue at the January meeting to begin planning the pieces of equipment, colors and what portion of the PTO funds should be spent on the project.

The next meeting will be held January 12, 2010.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Leanne Halvorson.