

PTO Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018

-Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Amanda Ortega

-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance

-Attendees were:

Staff-Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Skipper, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Kacius, Mrs. Pratt and Miss Smoter
Parents-Co-Presidents Amanda Ortega & Brittney Brewer
Treasurer-Denise Meseberg, Secretary Karen Johnson
Rebecca Ruf, Katy Waldrop, Becky Smotrila, Merridith Montgomery, Kelly Read, Jen Horn, Melissa Wojno, Sabrina Watts, Beth Dennert

-Mrs. Logan was the first to speak

-Expressed excitement about parental involvement in the PTO and was also happy the committees have been almost completely filled

-School safety-the school is in the process of applying for a grant to reconfigure the front entrance so all visitors will enter the office first and not have access to the school. If this grant is approved, construction would take place next summer and hopefully be completed before the start of the 2019 school year.

-The district and the local police departments have partnered up to add another school resource officer. (This brings our total up to 3 resource officers). 2 of the 3 resource officers for our school are Dyer Police officers; this is nice for us since they know our community and its members well. There are some talks about possibly adding a 4th officer in the future. You may see them at AM and/or PM drop off. The kids may also see them at various times in the building.

-Denise went over the budget and also answered any questions people had. The budget for this school year was made by the board and Mrs. Logan at the end of the last school year.

-Someone asked about applying for grants-we aren't currently applying for any but if someone wants to, we are happy to discuss it.

-Karen Johnson gave an update on the plastic bottle cap and lid collection. We have collected well over 800 lbs! We have surpassed our initial goal of 500 lbs. As of 8/1/2018, the weight and price requirements changed for the bench. (We now only need 450 pounds). We are planning on purchasing an 8ft bench which will cost \$300 and requires 250 lbs of caps. This bench will be placed in front of the building. We are planning on engraving it to celebrate Bibich's 40th Anniversary. We are also going to get a 6ft bench which costs \$250 and requires 200 lbs of caps. This bench will also be engraved and lovingly dedicated to Mrs. McDonald; she was a paraprofessional and playground assistant at Bibich for many years before she unexpectedly passed away over the summer. Karen asked the PTO to pay for these expenses. A vote was taken-everyone was in agreement. Karen has sorted and washed about 165lbs so far. Once

our 450lbs are ready, we will take our caps to Evansville Indiana and exchange them for 2 ready made benches. We have also collected so many caps that we are donating some to Joanne Stengel (a Bibich paraprofessional) who has a child doing a Girl Scout project.

-Brittney discussed the committees and what the members of those committees need to do.

- Start meeting and planning now.

- The amount of money each committee gets is outlined in the budget which was presented tonight.

- Any papers that go home must first be seen by the PTO board and then further approved by Mrs. Logan.

- Any paper that is sent home must be copied on blue paper-it is back in the office in the cabinets under the mailboxes.

-Walk a thon

- No new updates other than the need for EVERY child to have a signed permission slip in order to attend.

-New ideas

- How do we bring about new ideas and execute them

- Parents can contact the PTO board about implementing new things throughout the year

- One idea was 1 large Fall Fundraiser and 1 large Spring Fundraiser. This is something that we can consider for next year

- Rebecca inquired about a rumor she heard that some of the streets around Bibich are not properly plowed when it snows. Mrs. Logan said this is an ongoing issue because some roads are managed by the county and not the town. She has also spoken to the police about this issue who have told her their hands are tied as well.

-Pumpkin decorating contest

- No updates, working/planning now

-Fun Fair

- Using wrist bands again-Buy a wristband and have access to all games except Laser Tag

- We will have new games this year and lots of prizes

- We will also have bounce houses

- Another mom discussed how great Frank Hammond's Fun Fair is and also talked about doing Bingo, Tie Dye Shirts or also borrowing games from LCHS. LCHS had a fun Halloween Open House last year

- Scoopie from Culver's will again be at the Fun Fair this year helping the kids play games and also pass out tokens for free ice cream. As an added bonus, they will also be selling ice cream. Bibich PTO will receive 40% profit from these sales!

-Cake Walk is no longer an option as we have received word that we cannot pass out/sell, etc any home baked goods. We have heard of other schools doing it, but we are not willing to take the chance of being caught and reprimanded.

-Gift Cards Discussed

-Scrip, Texas Roadhouse and Dominos Pizza were all discussed

-Brittney Brewer and Rebecca Ruf are going to take over this responsibility.

-We will probably sell Dominos cards year round and continue selling Texas Roadhouse cards around the holidays.

-The Dominos cards cost \$10 each, the school gets \$5 for each card sold. The person that redeems the card gets a free large pizza each time they order a large pizza. The cards are good for 1 year.

-Dine out Nights

-This committee could use another chairperson. List of possible restaurants are being considered. These nights entail you eating out or dining in and the school will receive a certain portion of the profits. In the past we have done: Sanfratello's, Dairy Queen, Texas Roadhouse and Which Wich.

-Box Tops were discussed.

-Melissa handed out a nice form which will be going home this week. The form allows you to tape your Box Tops to it. The other side provides parents with a list of products that contain Box Tops.

-Each Box Top is worth \$0.10. Schools can earn a maximum of \$20,000 in Box Tops. We have not been actively saving Box Tops over the last few years so our earnings have been small. We are hoping to make this year a record one for Box Tops!!

-Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm