

# **Ojibwa PTO Meeting Minutes**

## **Wednesday, September 17th – 7PM**

**Meeting Called to Order: Fran Pace – 7:05 PM**

*Approval of Meeting Minutes: Kate Miller & Kaley DiCiccio*

### **Presidents Report (Fran Pace):**

- Walk for FUNds – 9/26
- Scholastic Book Fair – week of 10/13-10/16
- Teacher Appreciation Hoot Cart

### **Treasurers Report (Amy Beauregard)**

We are voting on our 2025-26 budget today.

Fundraising programs are shifting around this year.

- Will be adding some sort of Food Fundraiser to discuss as a PTO in our meeting today.
- Read A Thon will NOT be a fundraiser this year based on parent feedback.

Operations – these are all flat YoY based on 2024-25 budget.

Social Events – we plan to break even with these, not a fundraiser.

Student Enrichment – newly added expense for book vending machine books this year. Adjusted budget down for Grade Level shirts for cotton blend, not dri-fit.

Teacher and Grade Level Allocations are same as last year for Staff and Teachers specified. Grade Level allocations are determined by a flat rate + max student enrollment.

Total Budget: Came into the year with ~ \$30,000, overall budget costs \$73,000 for the year.

*Approved by: Nichole Hayes & Crystal Kukic*

### **Principals Report**

- Great start to the school year, there was a garden snake that entered into the 4<sup>th</sup> grade stairwell that was a secret until our meeting tonight!
- New staff members to Ojibwa! Welcome Ms. Stevenson to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Ms. Wilkinson to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as Teachers! We also have a new office clerk and health aides (Ms. Visella)!
- Testing season for fall (Fast Bridge ELA and Math) just ended on 9/16.
- MTSS groups start next week

### **Staff Report**

- Mr. Trzasko is here with us! Thank you for being here! Came here to say thank you to all the PTO members and parents that help support our staff.
- Kids Heart Challenge – Jan 26 – Feb 13<sup>th</sup>; promote heart safety and fundraiser (not required)

- Field Day is Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>; rain out day is Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Improbable Shot is a new PBIS program for 2-5<sup>th</sup> graders in gym class. If they make the shot, they get their picture on the wall and 50 Hoot Tickets. Will be starting for K and 1<sup>st</sup> soon!

## **Committee Reports**

### **Fundraisers**

**Walk for FUNds** – Donations are rolling in \$12,400 as of today. We need more students registered on FundHub. There is a family goal for fundraising like we did for Read A Thon. Kona Ice will be provided to all students at the end of the day, DJ is booked for the day of the Walk.

Food Programs for consideration:

- Srodeks – Decided on this for a fall fundraiser
- Butter Braids – will consider for spring.

Birthday Grams – NEW – Book Vending Machine Tokens this year; \$10 for the gram and will be happening all year.

### **Enrichment**

- Book Fair – will be looking for parent volunteers. Sign Up provided tonight to our parent attendees.

### **Social**

- Grade Level Shirts are ordered and will be in next week and distributed before Walk for FUNds. We were able to purchase all staff members a shirt this year due to a lower cost, but will not guarantee staff shirts for next year.
- Art to Remember will get started soon, beginning of November order forms will start coming home to order gifts for the holidays.
- Birthday Grams – will be looking for parents to help create the kits for the Grams.
- Ms. Paglia is looking for scrapbook paper or old greeting cards to make bookmarks from. Each student gets a bookmark when they come to the library.

**Old Business: N/A**

### **New Business/Open Discussion:**

WatchDOGS – the “program” doesn’t exist as it was any longer. Mr. K is looking into bringing aspects of it back.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Fran Pace – 8:08 PM

**Next PTO Meeting: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM**