# Park Forest Elementary PTO September Agenda 09/21

### Wednesday / 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM ONLY!

## PFE PTO ZOOM LINK

## AGENDA

Attendees: Rebecca Desmarais, Evelyn Bellinger, Jendy Cicero, Jonna Belanger, Kristy Stroschein, Jessica Quinter, Katie Stone, Erin Loy, Jackie Huff, Stacy Mccants, Laura Resor, Amy Lawrence, Mary Hodges, Zhaoki Xie, Paige Castellanos , Hadar Hoori, Carly Confer

President Rebecca Desmarais called the meeting or order at 7:04pm.

- 1. Principal's Remarks
  - a. Great start to school year/second year for Dr Quinter. School pictures today. Eckrich provided a teacher lunch tailgate through "Extra Yard for Teachers". Back to school night tomorrow. Penguin Ambassador program successful so far (5th graders share ideas with Dr Quinter for how to improve/change PFE).
- 2. Introduction of officers & members
  - a. Everyone is welcome at PTO, we are a community despite meeting over Zoom. Icebreaker: What are you watching right now?
- 3. Approval of May minutes (see website for minutes)
  - a. Jonna Belanger made a motion to approve the minutes; Jackie Huff seconded.
- 4. Treasurer report and updates
  - a. Treasurer ill. Brief recap of treasurer report shared by Rebecca.
     Current balance \$18,821.45 -> good starting balance going into
     biggest fundraiser of the year (Penguin Shuffle, formerly Fun
     Run). PTO funds pay for school supplies, field trips (including

transportation fees), community events within the school, and certain in-school events. (See treasurer report on website)

- 5. Recap Back to school night
  - a. Mentioned by Dr Quinter in Principal's Remarks
- 6. Recap Moe's fundraiser
  - a. Profit = \$484, will try for 3 per year to recoup funds lost from
     Boxtops program.
- 7. Directory update
  - a. PFE families can access contact info for other PFE families, as teachers are not permitted to provide family info.
  - b. Link to sign up sent out as a google form which will be updated to the website. Encourage all families to share whatever information they feel comfortable sharing.
- 8. Library author visit update
  - a. Vote for \$1285.00 Author visit in springtime, funded by several SCASD PTOs. PFE already put down \$225. Jonna Belanger made a motion to approve; Jackie Huff seconded. Majority votes to approve.
- 9. Penguin Shuffle (formerly Fun Run) Chaired by Jonna Belanger and Sandy Sollenberger
  - a. October 14th, rain date October 21st \*Looking for volunteers!
  - b. Largest fundraiser raising between \$21,000-26,000. 15 min of moving for students. Watch out for flier going home 9/23/22. Each student is encouraged to raise \$25, however every student participates, regardless of the amount raised. Donations requested/preferred online at pfepto.com.
  - c. New ideas this year include streamer run through, dance break (with penguin dancing), finish with KidsBop Shuffle. Winning prize is extra recess. PTO is encouraged to ask businesses for donations. Virtual Penguin will move showing fundraising progress.

d. Spirit week will lead up to Penguin Shuffle -> details coming.

#### 10. Camp Out

a. October 14th, volunteers needed – following Penguin Shuffle.
 Located in the field behind the school. Typically have a pot-luck dinner, however this year a sign up genius will be created for people to contribute to dinner, smores, and breakfast. Not required to stay over. Girl Scout troop will be present to help. Dr Titus will kick off Book Club with Fireside Book Club that night. More info coming in October.

#### 11. Book Fair

a. October 27-28th, volunteers needed – In person, during parent teacher conferences. Set up inside main entrance of PFE. Teacher wish list boxes will be available. Incentive for kids to help parents work.

#### 12. Outerwear event

- a. Oct 27-28th, during book fair, volunteers needed
- b. Outside main entrance. Buy nothing outerwear event. Outerwear collected over the past year will be set out on tables. People can come and take whatever they need! No cost – No questions asked!

#### 13. Kindergarten Field trip

- a. September 27th, vote needed \$366 Way Fruit Farm Hayride through orchard, hear about the process of harvesting apples.
   Jonna Belanger made a motion to approve; Jackie Huff seconded.
   The vote passed with a majority vote.
- 14. Garden updates
  - a. Rusca Property Management cleared out the garden (aka jungle) today. Need more family volunteers. Christine Andrews has contact with master gardeners at the Arboretum to help manage and direct garden growth. Need broken down cardboard boxes - place inside garden gate please :)

- b. Ian and Logan Shellenberger made an awesome new PFE GARDEN sign with their 3D printer.
- 15. Spirit Wear updates
  - a. Winning 5th grade design will be provided by Mrs Wassom in the next few weeks. Will have the 5th grade design, as well as 2 additional designs available. Samples will be ready for display during Penguin Shuffle/Camp Out. Orders will be accepted through mid/end of November for delivery before Christmas, however orders are accepted year round on pfepto.com.
- 16. Music Stand Rack request
  - a. Vote for \$1,155.00 Jonna Belanger made a motion to approve;
     Seconded by Stacy Mccants. Majority votes to approve.
- 17. Any other items
  - a. PFE PTO was contacted by Easterly Parkway PTO regarding a Diversity, Inclusivity and Equality (DEI) subgroup. A volunteer is needed to attend these meetings. Next meeting is 10/10/22 7-8pm. Contact Rebecca Desmarais for more information.
- 18. Jonna Belanger motioned to end the meeting at 8:04pm, Mary Hodges seconded.

# NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2022/ 7:00 PM/ Zoom ONLY!

Respectfully submitted by: Jendy Cicero

Date Submitted: 9/30/22

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_