

## **THARP ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Monday, Oct 28, 2019**

**Number in Attendance: 9**

**Welcome:**      **PTO President:** Christine Lance      **Vice President:** Kathryn Baron  
                         **Treasurer:**      Sharla Buxton      **Secretary:** Vickie Loeser

### **Principal's Report: Jessica Rardon**

Principal Rardon reported that they are currently working on Wellness Week. Getting a good night's sleep (who has a phone in their room), Hygiene, Positive Self Body images. They also plan to address vaping and are going to discuss mental health. She reported that she has a student advisory committee of approximately 10 students from every team.

### **Treasurer's Report: Sharla Buxton**

Sharla reported that they made some money on the social and that our general income is good. She just received the conference invoice. Discussion ensued about purchasing permanent Soccer Goals (Principal Rardon advised that this is a frequent request from the students) for the school. However this will create a community draw and therefore will get increased use.

### **Committees:**

#### **Cookie Dough Sale – Suzanne is Chair**

The sale went very well, however pick-up was not great. Suggestions to improve it include trying to contact parents not scheduled for conference night and/or possibly scheduling the Arrow student conferences for after the Cookie dough is delivered.

#### **Box Tops – Cassie is Chair**

They had \$10.70 in Box Tops but submitted for another \$42.50 as of today. So the total fund is up to \$50 dollars. The next submission will be March 30<sup>th</sup>. Cassie will continued to remind everyone to continue scanning them and turning them in.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> grade social**

The Social went great. We took in approximately \$1310 and after expenses made approximately \$310 dollars. Next Spring we need to make sure we have some teachers to help chaperone. We will offer them \$50 gift cards to help. PTO gave each custodian a gift card to Grandads Pizza due to the need for extra clean-up.

### **SPIRIT EVENTS:**

**Spirit Wear -**

Principal Rardon will request the running total on current Spirit Wear sales. Last year we made about \$400. <https://promoplace.com/tlgraphics/presentations/998527>

**Spirit items**

Christine is going to work with Lisa on one or two items.

**Spirit Dinner**

We would like to plan a Spirit dinner for conference night this February. We are tentatively going to schedule Texas Roadhouse. Most of the dinners will be pre-ordered on-line using Paypal. PTO may buy additional (20 or 30) dinners that parents can purchase on the spot.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation – 53 Staff members (Plan for 60)**

October teacher appreciation worked out great. PTO (Christine) stocked the teacher's lounge with lots of goodies leftover from the Social. Also received a lot of food for the school food pantry. Christine took some of the leftover and nearly expired food to the Hilliard food pantry.

| Month | Lead                            | Plan  |
|-------|---------------------------------|---|
| Aug   | Christine Lance                 | Back to school                                |
| Sept  | Christine Lance                 | teacher lounge upgrade                        |
| Oct   | Mardee Desantis/ Katy Swathwood | Stocked teacher lounge with items from Social |
| Nov   | Christie Plickert               |   |
| Dec   | Jessica Rutan                   |   |
| Jan   | Lisa Kafka                      |   |
| Feb   | Anna Wolf                       |   |
| April |                                 |   |
| May   | Jessica Rardon                  |   |

**Book Fair: Media Specialist**

The profit after expenses for the Book Fair was \$697.

**ISPTO:**

Katie attended the last month's ISPTO meeting which was a meet and greet for the candidates for the Hilliard school board. There is a Treasurer's meeting on Wednesday night at 6:30 and another meeting on Thursday (President's are invited) and the topic is fundraising and volunteering.

### **Past Discussion**

We have an author visit, Jason Reynolds, is now coming on May 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> and was not budgeted. However the Media Specialist will take it out of her Book Fair profits. Principal Rardon noted that she inherited this expense from the previous administrator. It's not in the budget, but costs \$3200 dollars.

There is a related speaker from his book that is available for about \$800 dollars. Principal Rardon would really like to have him and is willing to pay for it out of her budget or would appreciate if the PTO would be willing to fund it.

### **Playground survey**

Christine will get with Kathryn & Principal Rardon to look into playground equipment and purchasing balls and jump ropes etc. After final review of results, PTO will consider purchasing requested equipment such as permanent soccer goals or other items identified in the survey.

### **Tharp Food Pantry**

The pantry is currently pretty well stocked after the food collection with the Social. The students use the QR codes to select foods or other items they need. We still need volunteers to help organize and run this with a teacher a couple of times per month. The school is also partnering with an organization to get coats, hats and gloves donated.

### **Keyboard purchase**

Principal Rardon still wants to purchase additional keyboards but needs to determine exactly how many because they are expensive. We currently have about 124 keyboards that kids can use. District gave her a quote of \$37 apiece. However they can be purchased cheaper outside of District. The Language Arts teachers feel that they need a full set for each class. Maybe 50 maximum.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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|----------------------------|---|
| <b>November 1</b>          | Spirit Wear Sale Closes                 |
| <b>November 19</b>         | Taste Test Tuesday                      |
| <b>November 5</b>          | <b>Election day – NO SCHOOL</b>         |
| <b>November 20</b>         | ISPTO Meeting 6:30 pm                   |
| <b>November 25</b>         | PTO Meeting 6 pm                        |
| <b>November 27 - 29</b>    | <b>Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL</b>         |
| <b>December 20</b>         | End of Grading Period for Grades 6 - 12 |
| <b>December 23 – Jan 3</b> | <b>Winter Break – NO SCHOOL</b>         |
| <b>December 30</b>         | <b>NO PTO MEETING IN DECEMBER</b>       |

**Adjourn: 6:55 pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday, Nov 25, 2019 at 6:00**