

## Ridgewood PTO Minutes

Meeting Date: October 9, 2018

Meeting Location: Media Center at Ridgewood Elementary

### Welcome/Call to Order

### President Report

- Review and approval of minutes, **Heather Blevins** motioned to approve the minutes, **Tracey Beyke** seconded
- Staff and Volunteer Recognition
  - **Mrs. Nicole Langlois** (Mrs. A's long-term kindergarten sub) for reaching out to parents and going the extra mile
  - **Mrs. Kim Roland**--Making a difference in Intervention Block
  - **Ms. Tanne Walker**--helping kids love art and volunteering to be in the RR costume
- PTO Presidents' lunch with the Superintendent
  - Discussed mental health
    - Vaccine clinic
    - Ohio dental outreach 2x/year
    - Parent University Nov 25th
    - Suicide prevention
  - Earned income vs. increasing mills on property taxes to increase school funding

### Treasurer Report

- Walk-a-thon--we really did well!
- Kiln - Art Teacher **Tanne Walker** - vote whether to redirect water fountain funds
  - Building a ceramics program, important to childhood development
  - Ceramics not part of required curriculum
  - Proposing to get a new kiln
  - Cost: ~\$3700
  - School will cover the installation
  - Art program to fund raise rest the difference between the \$2500 from the redirected drinking fountain
  - School pays for ceramics supplies, but only if we have a kiln
  - **Kathryn Baron** moved to approve reallocating \$2500 from a new drinking fountain to funding part of a new kiln. **Melissa Forbes** seconded. Motion carried.

### Principal/Teacher Report

- Thanks for all the fundraising and volunteering during the Walk-a-thon
- Training 5th graders to compost

### ISPTO Report: District level information

- Member dues scheduled to increase \$5-10 in upcoming years
- Innovation Campus is selling picnic tables and asking schools to buy one to support their capstone project (\$95-100)
- Hilliard Education Foundation Denim and Diamonds fundraiser 3/8/19

### Coordinator and Committee Reports

- Walk-A-Thon: October 5, 2018
  - Thanked volunteers
  - Website open until this Fri.
  - Report on event and status of fundraising
  - \$18,690! If every child brings in \$3, we will meet our \$20,000 goal
  - Slime Mr. Buckman and pie in the face are tentatively scheduled for Oct. 31
- Hospitality
  - Late conference night - Oct. 17 --Sign-up genius almost full
- Volunteer Coordinator
  - No report
- Room Parent Coordinator
  - All classes have room parents
- Publishing Shop
  - Looking for a new coordinator
- RoadRunner: April 12, 2019
- Wellness
  - Taste test Tues Sign-up Genius nearly full

### Old Business

None

### New Business

- Mini-grant application: **Molly Dickman**, Instructional Coach
  - Keep Books: there is curriculum that goes with it, important to help teachers understand best way to teach
  - Asking for \$800 this year to start the program. If it goes well, she will ask Keep Books to be a PTO line item in the budget, around \$1500
  - **Melissa Forbes** moved to approve up to \$825 for a mini-grant. **Adrienne Johnston** seconded. Motion carried.
- Possible spring social event--not a fundraising event, but think low budget
  - Asking for suggestions at next meeting
  - Pancakes with parents, muffins with moms, doughnuts with dads
  - Friday night dance

### Announcements

- Spirit nights - see next page

**Brandy Merriman** motioned to adjourned. **Andrew Eder** seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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## **SPIRIT NIGHTS**

October 11th (Thursday): **PULP**

November 8 (Thursday), 4 - 9 p.m.: **Grandad's Pizza**

**Stay tuned for more!**