

Ridgewood PTO Meeting
Nov 9, 2023 7 pm Ridgewood cafeteria

Attendees: Jennifer Allen, Kate Tloczynski, Angie Howe, Meredith Lescovic, Kevin Buchman, Leigh-Anne Moodley, Anne Dodgion Jason Ogren, Kristin Gall, Michele Tierney, Kara Wells, Kelli Barnes, Maria Patterson, Isaac Ressler, Tracey Beyke, Kayley Heeter, Megan Steahly, Sophia Checkler, Andrew Eder, Alicia Hunt, First Grade Teachers

Call to order Jennifer Allen

Approval of Oct Meeting notes (Angie Howe and Kate Tloczynski)

Treasurer Report (Angie H)

- Budget update
 - Additional money on spiritwear
- Mini Grant Requests
 - \$350 for the Bug Man to come to first grade- voted on and approved

Committee Updates

- Read a thon (Andrea)
 - Huge Success- \$27,305 raised
 - Tailgate next year: Add in apple sauce pouches ... many kids were still hungry
 - Feedback for next year? More reading inspired activities
 - Pie in the face will be kickball day in May
- Wellness (Donna)
 - Wellness Fair Date 3/7/24 630-830
 - child/parent activities
 - Not selling anything
 - stations / activities
 - New monthly billboard outside the gym
- Hospitality (Kelli)
 - Stock the teacher lounge for December (sign up genius to come)
 - EXTRA Thanksgiving teacher "gift" in November
 - Day after conferences went well
- Winter Party (Kate for Alissa)
 - Will be Tuesday Dec 19 - Winter themed
 - Decorating will take place the night before
 - Sign up genius for items and volunteers to come
- Family Game Night (Leigh-Anne)
 - Tentative Jan 26th and March 22nd
 - Will solicit HS students that need volunteer hours
 - Increase food options
 - Build on things we've learned from last year
 - Try to emphasize parents stick with their kids
- ISPTO
 - Focus on improving attendance
 - Superintendent will come to any PTO meeting to discuss anything we want

- Grant period through the Hilliard Education Foundation is open
- Main Fundraiser is Denim and Diamonds in March
- Roadrunner (Meredith)
 - Cheddar up Pro version maybe a good option
 - Race day April 26th

Spirit Nights (Angie)

- Pulp Spirit night will be in May
- McTeachers Night at McDonalds in January??

MISC.

- Breakfast with my Peeps April 16th and 18th Preview the teacher raffle items but won't sell tickets until the next week
- hanging sound absorbing tiles in cafeteria - Mr Buchman is working on this
- Spiritwear online store is live through Nov 22nd. If you don't want it sent home with kids Please let pto know.
- Benches for the playground
- No Holiday themed parties in classrooms. Reward celebrations are ok. To celebrate a class achieving a certain goal or achievement.

Make sure you have your volunteer badge if you intend to help at anything in and around the school.