

Ridgewood PTO Meeting  
Septem 14, 2023 7 pm Ridgewood cafeteria

Attendees: Jennifer Allen, Kate Tloczynski, Angie Howe, Meredith Lescovic, Kevin Buchman, Leigh-Anne Moodley, Anne Dodgion, Kate Ascher, Holly Gerth, Danielle Harless, Kelli Barnes, Alissa Otani-Cole, Josie Tabacca, Jason Ogren, Shannon Best, Nicole Morgan, Jenny Slusarz, Kerry Cordle, Michelle Smith, Ashley Pritchett, Rebecca Ganzan, Andrea Dixon, Isaac Ressler, Kristin Gall, Donna Federspiel, Brad McCain, Maria Patterson, Brianne Howell, Erica Byers, Morgan Wilkins, Michael Jenkins, Caitlin Beck,

Call to order Jennifer Allen

Approval of May Meeting notes

Treasurer Report (Kate A/Angie)

- Budget update
  - Need to increase some line items, remove and add
  - Almost \$1800 in spirit wear
  - \$214 from Buckeye Shaved Ice Meet the teacher
  - Make your Kroger Rewards recipient Ridgewood PTO
  - Reviewed all Line Item Increases: Hospitality, Read-a-thon shirts, Roadrunner shirts, Breakfast with my Peeps, Field Day, Fifth grade celebration, Family Game night
  - Add line item: Food Pantry
  - Remove line item: technology program and publishing shop
  - Motion to approve the Budget was made and it was seconded- APPROVED
  
- Mini Grant Requests
  - 9/11 virtual field trip for 5th grade -\$225/250. A motion to approve was made and it was seconded- APPROVED
  - 5th grade would also like to go to COSI May 17th.\$10 per kid. 92 students Teachers are free. They will first visit ROTO in Dublin, a design firm that creates immersive and interactive media. Then they will visit COSI to see how ROTOs creations come to life.
  - Paint for Black top improvements - going to see if we can have donated by Lowes or Home Depot if not we can purchase. Mrs Patterson can plan out what she wants then get a small parent group to paint
  - Fine Motor kits for the classrooms - start with one per grade level. Mrs Patterson has a list. She has an amazon wish list. The group decided it might be a good idea to share the wish list with Ridgewood parents to see what is needed and then they can donate if they want

Committee Updates

- Read a thon (Andrea)
  - Switched to 99 pledges as our fundraising platform
  - Going to cut down on extra t shirts we buy

- Eliminated the tiered sponsorship
  - If you would like to be a sponsor or know anyone we should ask please let us know. \$250 for logo on web site and t shirt
  - Possible bookmarks with QR codes
  - can have grade level and classroom winners as additional incentive
  - Theme: Reading is out of this world
  - Early October
  - Pie in the face in the spring
- Holiday Parties (Alissa)
    - Grade level party - games and activities
    - Watch for sign ups for volunteers/supplies/snacks
    - Just doing the Holiday Party this year
  - Roadrunner (Meredith)
    - 1 mile or 5 K
  - Taste test Tuesday (Leigh-Anne)
    - 2nd Tuesday of the month
    - A fruit and veggie
    - We work with the district so they provide the fruits and veggies
    - Watch for sign up genius
  - Hospitality (Kelli)
    - Provide Lunch the day after parent teacher conference night
    - Stock the teachers lounge in December
  - Room Parents (Anne)
    - All teachers are have room parents except one

#### Spirit Nights

- Chipotle at Mill Run 10/4 - watch for flyers
- You can share to all your friends, family and co workers
- Ideas for spirit nights

#### Goals for this year

- Rugs - must be fire retardant
- Service project for Students
- Lunch is loud - hanging sound absorbing tiles

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