



Old Mill Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Jan 16 2020 at 10:00 AM
Teacher Lounge

Members present: Casadi Peterson, April Morden, Elizabeth Witt, Amber Peterson, Mrs Discher, Evan Ward, Amber Overton, Deyce Peterson, Kristen Brown, Natalie Edwards, Katie Logan, Carlee Clegg

Meeting Conducted by: Casadi Peterson

Thought: April Morden

Pledge: Amber Peterson

Minutes Approved: Casadi Approved and April Seconded

Treasury Report: \$16,300 in the account. Added \$970 from Box Tops. Brought in \$6,200 with the Christmas Shop Paid out \$5,100 made about \$1,100 profit

Casadi: District Update: Talked about possibly changing to a PTO from a PTA. We would lose the reflections programs and the PTA state lobbyist that lobby the state legislature. Natalie Edwards talked about the state PTA program and how they go to every legislative session. Sometimes smaller communities move to a PTO. There will still have to be a handbook and rules, but you would be on your own as a District. It will be discussed at the next District meeting and be decided as a District.

Mrs Discher talked about how reflections is a big beast for some of the schools and we would be able to not have to do that program. It is suggested by the District that the PTA make an informed decision and really know why the change is being made.

The PTO membership fee would stay local rather than the PTA membership.

The Wasatch Wellness about the family education center at the Timpanogos Middle School. There are some nationally known teachers teaching the classes. They are 6 week course. Go on the district website and click on Wellness. They started already, first one being tonight. "Thriving with Anxiety" has been the most popular class.

Talked about doing online fundraising through the district. 1.9% fee on credit cards. Every school would use the same platform for any fundraiser. The Color Festival will be doing it first. It will go into the Wasatch Education Foundation first and then the check would be cut from there. You would be able to log in to see what is being donated at every school. Contact Kirsta Albert to learn more information.

Christmas Shop Recap: Kids were shopping for others and seemed to enjoy it. The teachers in majority like having it. Mrs Discher was able to help a few kids that were unable to buy some gifts, they were able to do some work and earn the gifts. Talked about doing the week before Christmas and Mrs Discher said that she liked having it that week since it is already chaotic.

We were able to shop for Mrs Discher with about \$300 from the candy grab, little trinkets for her office to handout to kids. The mark up was 10% profit and the majority thought that was good to keep the prices low.

Mrs Discher: Updated on two teachers. Art Specialist Mrs Mickelson decided to move on and was able to hire two teachers for the position that will be sharing the position. There will be more theater, drama and dance this year. Hoping for next year to even up the Theater and the Programs. Mrs Budd Dual Immersion 5th grade left for personal reasons, opened the position and have had 4 teachers apply that did not old fashioned elementary ed degree. Julie Ward is currently helping out in the class until we can hire someone else that is more qualified. They will be getting some digital Spanish daily, with literacy and content vocabulary. Mrs Serrano will also be leaving next year, her 3 year period will be up.

Literacy Month: Sarah Bray talked about Literacy Month. Talked about the benefits of Audio Books and wanting to add some Bingo items for Audio Books. There will be a different Bingo card issued for each week. Reading out loud, reading to family, reading to pet will help fluency. Each class will be working on a blackout Bingo for the whole month for a root beer float party

Talked about having a tracking board to show the classes for the root beer party. 33 classes would be on the tracking board. We would hand out the bingo tracking sheets each week and then the turn in dates will be on Monday.

Kindness Week: Natalie said that the week has been going smoothly. The kids really went overboard and thanked Mrs Smith yesterday and she felt very loved. The kindness chain is going well.

White Ribbon Week: Kristen Brown – Will be emailing her the list of volunteers that signed up to help.

BackPack for kids – Evan toured the facility and found out some specifics. They have been doing it for many years starting out over in park City. They are having some issues with their fresh fruit grant; it has run out. They do 300 bags a week, with 7 schools. Mr Mangum is over this for Old Mill and hands these out discreetly, Mr Mangum picks the bags up. They are always looking for help to put the bags together, all week long. The Center Stage is where the facility is. 55 East Center St. We talked about sending out an email on Friday to continue Kindness Week and let families know about the need for help.

Flouride: Help is needed with Volunteers to do Flouride - Need help Every Tuesday - 8:40 to 9:20 at the most

Book Fair: Talked about opening up the previews to shopping also, Mrs Disher thought that shw would like it to stay just a preview. Give the kids a reason to come to the book fair, possibly by doing a scavenger hunt instead of a wish list. Kids who turn in a scavenger hunt could be entered into a drawing for a book or something. This book fair will be a Jungle Theme – Setup on Feb 27th Previews Start Feb 28th

Board for Next Year: Katie Logan, President Elect and is also talking to Ann Balls about being a Treasurer.

Upcoming Dates:

January 20 – MLK Day no School

Feb 3-28 – Literacy Month

Feb 3-7 – Counselor Week

Feb 13 – PTA Meeting

Feb 24 – Box Top Collection

Feb 27 – Book Fair Setup

Feb 28 & Mar 2-6 – Book Fair

Mar 4-5 – SLC Conference Dinners

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Minutes Approved: Feb 13, 2020

Taken by Amber Peterson, Secretary