Oct 10, 2017

Pittsfield Elementary School-PTO Meeting Minutes

630PM-830PM in the PES Library

Present: Melissa Babcock, Katie Nikas, Casey Donini, Donna Anderson, Kelly Page, Kathy Lemay, Ross Morse, Carrie Clark

 The meeting was in a structured social format. Melissa introduced herself as well as others present. The meeting progressed to a discussion format surrounding the feedback collected. The main focus of the meeting was about the upcoming event Trunk or treat, fall book fair, new fundraising ideas, childcare for PTO meetings, bullying concerns and Nomination for secretary of the PTO.

 Details of trunk or treat were discussed and plans were finalized. Some suggestions included were to have also non-treat items provided for children with allergies, donations of candy were appreciated when entering for cars that may run out, and discussed potential prizes for best trunk and costume. Also discussed that PES “food for kids” will have a table out box out that will be accepting donations during this event.

 The PTO members were brainstorming on some new fundraising ideas for this year in lieu of Cherrydale. Members discussed of having theme baskets to be raffled off. Examples of theme baskets included a spa basket. In the spa basket you could include soaps, sponges, bath salts, gift card. Other themes that were discussed were a movie theme, Christmas theme and a baking theme. Some members even suggested color themed baskets. Examples of color theme baskets included a blue basket and would include “all things of Blue” in the basket. The details of how the items come about and from who and are still being determined. The time of when these baskets are going to be done is also still being discussed.

 Donna Anderson nominated Kelly Page as Secretary of PTO. Katie Nikas seconded this motion. Motion approved. Kelly Page is the secretary of the PTO for the 2017-2018 school year.

 Members also discussed changing the time and day of the PTO meetings and potential childcare for these meetings. The PTO meetings at this time are staying the same but subject to change. It was decided that members would offer to reach out to high school students that were in need for community service hours. The students would be able to lend a helping hand keeping the children busy with an activity or game while parents attend the PTO meeting.

 Members also discussed and changed some Bylaws. Also discussed box tops, and details of book fair. There was also a discussion of some bullying issues going around in the school. It was suggested to encourage parents to take any concerns that they might have to administration. Members are also going to reach out to the “ABC Kindness Club” at the school to see if they had ideas of what we can do as a school to help meet these concerns.

 Stay tuned for more details of events that are going on in the year! Also keep your eyes and ears open for the new fundraiser! Details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Details of motions made at the meeting:

 Motion made by Donna Anderson and seconded by Katie Nikas to approve meeting mintues read. Motion approved

 Motion made by Donna Anderson and seconded by Katie Nikas to accept the nomination of Kelly Page as PTO secretary for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion Approved.

 Motion made by Carrie Clark and seconded by Katie Nikas to change by laws. Motion Approved.