

Delaware Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda
September 7, 2021 @ 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Niki Anderson, Tiffany Christensen, Lindsay Klein, Susan Moeller, Carrie Naber, Missy Pearson, Annie Peyton, Becky Sapp, Courtney Whittington, Valerie Mullin, Heidi Van Cleave, Candi Gurwell, Chelsea Clark

Introductions

- Call to order
- Playground Update
 - Excavation & Concrete Work
 - Completion – 8/13/2021
 - Shipment of Equipment
 - Delivered – 8/18/2021
 - Shipment of Tiles
 - Delivered – 8/11/2021
 - Installation
 - Started – 9/3/2021
 - Ribbon cutting – TBD
 - Huge on a thank you part of the grant
- School Board Candidate – Ric Powell
 - Three spots available
 - November 2 is the big day
 - Up for re-election; printed sheet handed out
 - Delaware – special place; son started in kindergarten
 - Staff second to none
 - Drake graduate
 - Worried about Delta variant – district needs to be more transparent
 - Work with Polk County health department- if we get one school with high numbers possibly just close down the school not the district
 - Playgrounds – 1 elementary per year (Centennial, Mitchellville, Delaware – Runnells next on the list) Need to close the grant once playground is finished. Need electronic invoices paid so it matches grant money paid.
 - If getting re-elected looking to help remaining elementary schools (Four Mile, Clay, Willowbrook and Altoona)
 - Voted last year for hybrid – concerned about health of students and staff; voted second semester for in-person; voted for wearing mask the entire year
 - Encouraged school to look into Lu Interactive
- School Board Candidate – Bridgit Ernst
 - Brand new to running for school board
 - PTA member on Centennial
 - Volunteer in classroom – stayed at home for 12 years with kids
 - Undergrad in Psychology at Drake
 - Past 16 years in community – Altoona Campus board, Parks Board, East Polk County Leadership, etc.
 - Masters while at Grand View – organizational leadership
 - Two children – graduated from SEP
 - Son accident with traumatic brain injury – gained perspective
 - COVID – concerned – keeping kids safe is number one priority
 - Children need to be in school full time – need to use all the tools we have to keep it that way
 - Big priority is mental health

Secretary's Report – Carrie Naber

- Secretary's report of the August meeting minutes passed by majority board vote and has been posted to the Delaware PTA web page

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Crispen

- Review August 2021 Revenue/Expense Document
 - Revenue: \$1482
 - Expenses: 388.96 – school supplies to Mrs. Thayer
 - All teachers for \$140 PTA account – to give back to the community
 - Sold \$1400 in credit card sales of spirit wear at Back-to-School night
 - Amazon smiles – identify Delaware Elementary as your organization of choice
- Reimbursement Form Required
 - Ensure all information is filled out completely
 - Limiting visitors to school – including address
 - All reimbursement checks will be placed in mailboxes in the office

Hospitality – Niki Anderson

- Vote for New Assistant for Hospitality

- Courtney Whittington – vote passed
- Cares and Concerns
 - Brandy Whitehead – dad in hospital
 - Sarah Lounsberry's – grandma passed away
- October – Conferences
 - Conference Meals Provided - Thursday, October 14
 - Conference Meals Provided - Tuesday, October 19
 - Not sure where we are going to order food from – Courtney exploring options
 - Elevate Nutrition – tea bombs and shakes
 - Stock the Teacher's Lounge
 - Sign Up via sign up genius
 - Going back to Scholastic for this year bookfair
 - Books delivered around October 7/8
 - October 11 – 19
 - 4 – close – Niki to put together schedule for book fair hours
 - No specials on Thursday – nice break from classroom
 - Volunteer usually a 2-hour timeframe
 - Niki sending out sign-up for volunteers
 - E-wallet again available

Family Activities – Annie Peyton

- Schedule for 2021 – 2022
 - Ribbon Cutting/Community Event for playground – September 28 from 5 – 7 PM
 - December 4 – Donuts with Santa
 - March 25 – Bingo with Silent Auction – start planning in December

Fundraising – Elise Miller

- Delaware Ram Run Committee (First Meeting will be in September)
 - Elise Miller
 - Krystal Drumheller
 - Chelsea Clark
 - Jess Wehr
 - Brooke Caves
 - Kari Schult
 - Ashley Houston
 - Elaina Deadrick
- Fundraisers
 - September 24 – October 4 - Clubs Choice
- Spirit Nights
 - September – Planet Smoothies – 9/20/2021 from 3p – 7p (10% of sales back to Delaware PTA) – may be moved back
 - October – Iowa Wild – October 22 (in correlation with 4th and 5th grade signing the National Anthem)
 - Options:
 - \$20 per ticket (\$2 comes back to the PTA) – preferred by group
 - \$22 per ticket (\$2 comes back to the PTA and everyone gets an Iowa Wild Hat)
 - \$22 per tickets (\$4 comes back to the PTA)
 - November 9 – Panda Express {All Day}
 - January – Playground for Kids
 - May – Over the Top

NEW BUSINESS

- Staff Birthday Shout Outs – still waiting on some forms to be filled out
- November 2 Meeting – Postponed to November 9th – confirmed
- Ribbon Cutting
 - Hoping to be done this weekend but need a few days for tiles to cure
 - Currently in the Planning Stages
 - Date – September 28 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Playground area
 - Family Fun Event
 - DJ for event – kids in the school - \$150 for entire time
 - Ribbon Cutting
 - Food Truck – parents pay – Montana Mike's
 - Ice Cream Truck/Cookies - \$1000 for treats
 - Music
 - Marketing: flyers, social media, Polk County Supervisors, Ric Powell, SEP Education Foundation
 - Rain Date – TBD
 - Hy-Vee may cater for school and donate so much towards

- Free will donation for next phase of playground
- Membership
 - \$5.00 annual membership fee (each member will receive a window decal sticker)
 - Paid by cash or check to Delaware Elementary PTA
 - Sign up at a meeting, unpack your backpack night, or send with your child for the office

PRINCIPAL / TEACHER UPDATE

Chelsea –

\$140 donated from PTA – split teachers into teams – community outreach – serve the community

Caring Hands - food pantry – personal care items – asked dentist office to donate dental supplies – low on everything

Delaware Township Fire Department – water/Gatorade/etc.

Covid concerns – positive case letters are being sent out – assuming exposure and get them tested

Fast testing next week – Formative Assessment System for Teachers – reading and math screening

MTSS structure – 30-minute timeframes – support for skills

Responsive classroom – morning meetings – soft start today for students – how to greet classmates/share about themselves – social/emotional learning

Kindergarten – good morning and say name

NEXT PTA MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5th @ 6:30-7:45 PM IN THE BAND ROOM (FREE Child Care Available)