



Four Mile PTA Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

6:00PM

In--person & Zoom meeting

Attendees: Autumn Luce, Cassidy Miller, Caroline Metzker, Makenzie Rusch, Shelia Juhler, Tammy Steenhoek, Jessica Jones, Ashley McLaughlin, Andrea McGinn, Stephanie Peterson-Grauerholz and Amanda Michael

Zoom- Sara Bitting, Angie Grandgenett and Kareena Price

Welcome and Introductions

- Motion to start the meeting by Cassidy Miller, second by Ashley McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Secretary Report

- Recapped meeting minutes from our Nov. meeting.

Treasurers Report

- Reviewed financial activities from December to present.
 - Our current bank account balance is \$32,369. While this is larger than our typical balance, we haven't received any field trip funding requests from multiple grade levels yet.
 - Some of our deposits included spirit night fundraising money, coffee truck donations and profits from our last spirit wear sales.
 - Some expenses included payment to the coffee truck, teacher reimbursements, gambling license renewal and kindergarten field trip transportation.

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Wandro and Mr. Kruse are both retiring at the end of this school year. There will be retirement parties set for them in the spring.
- Mrs. Funke will be filling the first-grade position.
- Whitney Hutchinson will be our new SPED teacher for grades K-2.

- We are adding a fourth section of 1st grade and Malley Jordan will be filling this position. Malley is an ISU graduate.
- Madison Foster will be filling the fourth section of 4th grade next year.
- Mr. Krause will be filling the 2nd grade spot from Madison moving to 4th grade.
- Cassie Farley will be filling the PE teacher position. She currently teaches 1st grade at Runnells Elementary.
- Next year Clay, Willowbrook and Four Mile will all be hiring a school administrative manager (SAM) which is essentially an assistant principal. This is great news for our school!
- All Valentine party donations from the online sign-up were filled.
- Four Mile is getting another sensory wall added to the playground and it's being paid for by a grant.
- A 4th grade Four Mile student will be presenting at the 2/15 school board meeting about the coal aquarium our school received.
- Tammy reported that last week there was 100% parent support on all behavioral calls she made. This is awesome to have such strong parent support!
- There will be four sections of kindergarten, 1st, and 4th grades in the 24-25 school year.

President's Report

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business:

- PTA Board Elections
 - Current board member's three-year terms are up at the end of this school year. Because of this, we will be holding a special election meeting on Tuesday, March 26th. We will need to identify 3 PTA parents that would like to form the election committee and run the election.
 - The election committee will take the names of those who are interested in serving in these roles.
 - For those who are putting in their names for a board position, they will have the chance to speak at the April meeting about why they'd like to fill a particular role.
 - The election will take place at our regularly scheduled April PTA meeting.
- Bingo Update
 - This was a successful event! We had approximately 150 people attend this event.
 - 142 food combos were sold (pizza, beverage, and cookie) and we have \$700 in food sales.
 - We profited \$800 from this event.
 - It was suggested that we have a recycling bin for pop cans next year and the can-return money can be donated to student council. Another suggestion is to have a dobber return basket as we had a lot in the garbage after the event.

- Spirit Nights
 - Our next Spirit night fundraiser will be at The Hills Bar & Grill in Pleasant Hill on Tuesday, February 20th from 4-9pm. Dine in and carry out apply. Participants must mention Four Mile to have 20% of their bill donated back to our school.
 - We are working on a car wash fundraiser for March.
 - April's spirit night will be at Texas Roadhouse on 4/22.
 - Discussed doing a fundraiser at The Cove in May. Stephanie suggested a Saturday or Sunday as these are the most profitable days. We would need to provide volunteers to help make the drinks for this event.

- Quiz Bowl
 - Hy-Vee syrup & butter donation- still not approved. Ashley McLaughlin has been persistent in checking in with them and will continue to reach out.
 - Parents who wish to volunteer to help before, during or after the event can sign up via the Google form that was emailed.
 - Amanda shared that Vandalia Designs will be making our shirts again this year for \$3 each. They will also be donating the balloon arch again this year.
 - Stephanie confirmed that she'll be designing and printing the live auction certificates. We will be including preschool celebration front row seats/parking this year too.
 - Autumn will reach out to Jordan about getting tables donated for our event.
 - Shelia is working on getting high school silver cord students to volunteer to help with the Quiz Bowl.
 - We have lots of community bundles this year! 60 businesses donated items for our event.
 - We received a \$200 check from Keystone Bank and \$500 from Scheels. We discussed what to do with this money. Some ideas were: purchase a few bigger ticket items for the auction, keep it as profit for this event and use it to cover expenses for any items needed for the classroom baskets.
 - Angie just learned that we will be required to pay a kitchen staff member \$50 per hour for helping with this event. SEP no longer allows a staff person to volunteer their time. This will be the case moving forward so we will need to include this in our expenses.
 - Tammy suggested we keep the kids' themed baskets in the teacher's lounge and display photos of the baskets for the students to see vs. having them on display in the library. This is a preventative measure so items in baskets aren't tampered with. We decided to put up pictures and provide a short video of the baskets that teachers can share with their classrooms so that students can see each option.
 - Feb. 15th we will be assembling the baskets at 4pm.
 - Feb. 21st we will check all student quizzes to assess who qualifies to participate at the Quiz Bowl.
 - March 1st-set up for the event at 4pm

Requests

- none

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Adjourn

- Amanda motioned to adjourn at 7:15 pm, second by Stephanie Peterson-Grauerholz. Motion carried.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th from 6-7pm