

# **Ojibwa PTO Meeting Minutes** **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – 7PM**

**Meeting Called to Order: Fran Pace – 7:03 PM**

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Angel Kizy & Kristen Sirhan

## **Presidents Report (Fran Pace):**

- 1/18 – Family Science Night
- 1/28 – Winter Dance
- 2/9 – Free Movie Night/TBD
- March – Rev Up to Reading Month
- March 3/11-15 Bookfair

## **Treasurer's Report (Amy Beauregard):**

- \$12,400 over planned budget for Walk for FUNds once all expenses were in, which will help our overages that have come up this year so far (higher poster maker costs)
- Approval: Kate Miller & Marci Steiger

## **Principals Report**

1. Rob Roberts is visiting Ojibwa on Thursday, 1/11/24. Will be in the classrooms and the office visiting staff and the students.
2. Benchmark assesments are currently underway, mid year check point (Math and Reading). Allows the creation of new MTSS groups at this point during the school year.
3. Lego Robotics is in full swing, meeting twice a week, getting ready for March meet.
4. Science Olympiad is also kicking off.
5. Brand new flooring is being installed throughout the building this summer and “the great purge” that will happen as a result of this move!
6. Thank you to Michelle Vigneau for being the Hoot Cart manager this year!
7. Heather Paglia has been running the Character Counts program (prize wheel, t-shirts, etc.) and it has been a great program recognizing students.
8. March is Reading Month – Mr. K will be Bowser for March and exciting videos.
9. Thank you 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers for being here! 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers won the staff scavenger hunt, which was a very fun event for all staff.
10. Ojibwa received a large donation of coats and boots (over 100 coats, 30 boots) from an insurance agency (Tommy Sokol – BIL of Ms. Romero) + large donation of clothing for families in need. Thank you to our community for the support!

## Staff Report

1. **Ms. Milke** – Student Leadership updates – 4-5<sup>th</sup> students are working on valentines for the Anthology Center and working on Fleece Blankets in February.
2. Teachers say thank you for all we do as a PTO for the staff and students!
3. **Mr. Trzasko**
  - a. Kids Heart Challenge has started. Promoting healthy living, activities. Monday, 1/26 will be an assembly for students. The challenge is 3 weeks, starts 1/22-February 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Also a fundraiser, students can earn incentives.
  - c. Funds go to heart association
  - d. Field Day is Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Bounce House will be needed again.

## Committee Reports

### *Fundraising*

- **Spirit Grams – Fran Pace**
  - Kindness Grams – raised \$400 and was nice to see upper EL helping with this!

### **Rev Up to Reading (Reading Month – March)**

- Reviewed program goals and fun plans to tie reading into the Super Mario theme!

#### Possible Incentives

- Gaming Truck – Incentive
  - Smart Screens with Wii
  - Plaid PJ pants – Ojibwa Branded
  - Rally Socks?
  - Finger Lights
  - Frisbees?
  - Gel Pens?
  - Notebooks
  - Ticket to One Free Item to the Hoot Cart (not experiences)
  - Classroom Prizes
    - Snack Cart
    - Trained Service Dog

**Art to Remember – Raised \$770.**

## Enrichment

- **Book Fair** – Spring Book Fair will be week of March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Social

- **Santa Shop (Michelle Vigneau)**
  - Best Santa Shop ever.
  - Over \$11,000 in sales this year. We earned \$1800, but we didn't have a goal to make money on this, so this was an added bonus!
  - Used real cash registers, which helped how the event run.
  - Could use a lot more parent volunteers in 2024. It is a long week for the PTO members to be there all day for so many days in a row.
- **Science Night**
  - January 18<sup>th</sup> – Free event! Excited to bring this back this year for our families with Ann Arbor Hands On Museum.
- **Winter Dance**
  - 1/28. Sales end this Friday, did ask for an extension through 1/16.
  - Overall 65-70 people sold so far. Our minimum is 150.
  - We can open up to all ages, 3-6th
- **Family Movie Night**
  - Postponed from December.
  - Tentatively planning for 2/9
  - Super Mario movie to Kick off to reading month.

## Old Business:

- **Students in Need forms** – Field Trips are being turned in, without enough documentation. We are getting a lot of requests. Want to make sure if there is a student in need, they can get their field trip paid for. Will work with Christina and Mr. K to ensure the processes are being followed so we can help the students that need it.

## New Business/Open Discussion

Always has stopped donating to the maturation presentation (sanitary items, deodorant, body wash) for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. May be looking for support on this. February timeframe. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers will be submitting a cost estimate. This will be a district wide challenge.

**Motion to Adjourn: Fran Pace at 8:04PM**

**Next PTO Meeting:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7PM