

2014-2015 General PTO Meeting

MINUTES

Date: November 17, 2014

Time: 6 pm, Library

Attendees: Kristie Allen, Kelley Brunner, Norene Goldstone, Janice Osieja, Jill Rees, Joan Roth, Janet Schwertley, Heather Smith, Elise Kearney, Laura Wintemute, Marni Bealer, Gayle Sjoblom, Emily Daniels, Jodi Chavez, Steve Schauer, Christie Strack, Maureen Hartzler, Lisa Abeln, Jen Ensley, Karly Turner, Denise Cossey



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| <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Janet started the meeting welcoming the group and letting them know about the Turkey Trot on November 26th and that Mr. Moser is looking for volunteers.</p> <p>The next Family Dinner Night is November 24th at Pei Wei and it is an all day event.</p> <p>Janice told the group about the Winter Wonderland event that will happen on December 11th from 6-8 pm with Santa making a stop for pictures etc. There will be activities/crafts, reading and stories for the kids.</p> <p>Elise Kearney asked for activities/crafts for the older kids and asked for the PTO to email asking for volunteers.</p> <p>Janet told everyone about the survey's on each table and asked for them to be completed and turned in.</p> | <p>Janet Schwertley President Janice Osieja Vice President</p> |
| <p>Box Tops</p> <p>Janice informed the group of our Box Top progress.</p> <p>We have already received \$740.20 with Box Tops and our goal was \$1000.00.</p> <p>Box Top forms will be available in the office, on the PTO website and emailed via the list serv.</p> | <p>Janice Osieja Vice President</p> |
| <p>WATCH D.O.G.S.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner introduced the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program. WATCH D.O.G.S is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of dads and dad-figures in their student's life. This is a group to help get dads involved/commit to school events. Dads will commit to one day a year to help in the lunchroom, read to kids, help in office, playground duty etc.</p> <p>Kick-off is 11/20 from 6-7 pm with pizza for dads and their student. This group is not only for dads but also for other father figures of our students whether it be an uncle, grandparent etc. If the person is not the parent or legal guardian,</p> | <p>Kelley Brunner Principal</p> |

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| <p>they will need to be finger printed through district.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner will get input from teachers each day as to what they are looking for or needing help with.</p> <p>Marni suggested ½ days vs. full days but Mrs. Brunner explained that the program suggests full days but she would never turn anyone away if they could only do ½ days and she would accept any dad that can help.</p> <p>Other schools within the District participating or looking into this are Sierra, Lagos and Paloma.</p> <p>The website to get more information is:</p> <p>www.fathers.com/watchdogs</p> | |
| <p>Shopping Rewards</p> <p>Janet showed the group how to link their card to our school on the Frys.com website to earn money for Colina.</p> <p>You can also log in to www.escrip.com and link your credit/debit card and anytime you eat at specific restaurants (Uncle Bears, Biscuits, Hungry Howies to name a few) Colina will earn money. See website for additional information and restaurant information.</p> <p>Make sure you ask your family/friends to link their cards to Colina.</p> <p>If you are on Facebook, make sure you Like the Colina PTO.</p> | <p>Janet Schwertley President</p> |
| <p>Budget</p> <p>Jill briefly touched on the budget letting us know we have already earned \$859.06 in smoothie sales, \$837.02 in Family Dinner Night, and \$6,011.56 in Direct Donation.</p> <p>We have used some of the beautification fund towards paint and sprucing up around the school. The school librarian used a portion of her budget on purchasing additional books.</p> <p>Elise asked how much the lights at the Harvest Festival cost and mentioned that she thought we needed more lighting and a DJ.</p> | <p>Jill Rees Treasurer</p> |
| <p>Tax Credit Donations</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner addressed the group and informed them that the Tax Credit donations are used towards the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding the cost of field trips • Coach on lunch duty who teaches rules of games and sportsmanship etc | <p>Kelley Brunner Principal Denise Cossey</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many clubs throughout the school such as Aerospace, Ecology, Broadcasting • WATCH D.O.G.S. • Various assemblies <p>Denise Cossey distributed a sheet on Tax Credit 101 and showed the group a couple of slides explaining how the tax credit works. For example married couples can donate \$400 while single people can donate \$200. She also showed how you would get every penny back if your state tax owed each year is more than \$400. You can pay a portion at a time or you can pay all at once.</p> <p>You can email taxcreditquestions@g.com with any additional questions or help.</p> <p>Elise suggested emailing examples to the list serv so parents are aware of how this works.</p> <p>Steve asked where does the tax credit go specifically at Colina and where has it gone? He asked if something could get published each year so parents are aware.</p> | |
| <p>Attendance Door Prize Drawing</p> <p>Kristie picked the winning ticket (# 7596999) and Laura Wintemute was the winner of the Target \$100 gift card.</p> | <p>Kristie Allen President</p> |