

Sharonville Elementary PFO: Meeting Minutes 10/23/19, 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by Kim Bathe

Welcome / Introductions

- Last meeting was record high attendance because of the Mayor's popsicle incentive, but overall lower than Stewart who won the contest
- PFO was represented at Trunk-or-treat on Tuesday, 10/22, impromptu, and well attended. Thanks to Lisa Aulick for the candy donations and Alex Bailey for helping to organize on behalf of Sharonville PFO

Mr. Tom Burton – Superintendent: Community Chat

- Have had 277 community conversations since the beginning of last school year to answer questions about anything related to Princeton School District, and more recently, the November levy
- Levy is 4.25 mils / \$12.40 / month per \$100,000 household
- Many local school districts nearby who don't have levies this November will also have levies in near future
- State taking money away from schools, we need to make up the difference. Lottery money does not help, as state subtracts lottery benefits from money we might actually get from state so that we never get more money.
- At peak, Princeton got \$25 million MORE than we receive now. We are down to only \$11 million total.
- Staffing is in flux – added more staff a couple years ago to support students, but now we may need to reduce staff; there is a new hiring practice in effect, and cuts will have to happen to stay fiscally responsible, especially if the levy does not pass.
- Chris Poetter – Viking financial update – went through Viking Report with attendees, highlighting revenues and expenses, and money we receive from the state
- Princeton trying to get as much money thru grants as possible to add to finances, and also outside sources ie: Jake Sweeney Auto Group, renting out sports fields, etc., to replace, repair, or enhance various district items.
- Our students have won a local billboard contest; Princeton took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, awarding prize money to each of the students as well at their school district (Princeton).
- Addressed the move of the levy from summer to November. Mr. Burton recently met with group of local residents, usually against any levy are now 100% in support of our district this year.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Benoit, Ms. Sucher

- Teacher spirit wear all month has been fun, including mis-match day, hat day, pajama day, and we've had fun watching the kids try to figure out what we're up to
- Grant from the Princeton Education Foundation towards Culture Fair happening again this year – will be bigger and we will be looking for some financial support from PFO and for parents to get involved
- Veteran's Day program again this year on November 11th, including a luncheon for veterans of families. Students will be able to come and see their veteran, but will not be able to eat with them.
- We will need flags replaced this year, and looking towards PFO to help replace / buy a whole new set of flags and a case to store them.
- Thanks so much to PFO for conference dinners – really appreciated.

Mr. Theobald's Report for Walk-a-Thon:

- Incentive for students to raise money – be Mr. T. for the day
- All the prizes are "stacked" – the more you raise, the more you win, the lowest, the middle level, and the top level prizes moving up the "ladder" of prizes, so that students could win prizes on all 3 levels

- Shout out to Mrs. Louderback who has been great about helping to re-think of new prizes and incentives to get students excited to raise money and win!

Principal's Report – Mrs. Jordan

- October has been fun for staff with our spirit wear program
- State testing started today for 3rd grade. 90 minutes today, 90 minutes tomorrow. If they pass now, fantastic, otherwise they will have a chance to take again in the spring
- Cookie Dough update: 737 units of cookie dough = \$13, 214 in sales, for which Sharonville will profit \$5,285.60. Will be buying T-shirts for Walk-a-Thon
- Looking at programs that will come into our school..... between \$800 - \$1100 each. Looking at "Math Man" to come back from a couple years ago.
- Also looking at Black History Month Assembly performers.... Trying to be more fiscally responsible by not booking yet b/c of levy – could PFO support this?
- October 31st – Jungle Patrol will be here for Walk-a-Thon: It's a Mobile Build-a-Bear type of facility... interested in coming on that day and we can sell the stuffed animals, and also give a couple away to students. Students will be able to SEE the truck / product on that day for a "preview", and then will come back later for students who wish to purchase.
- Report cards come home tomorrow (10/24)

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Means

- Cookie dough was not funneled through PFO as it was a school fundraiser, so that money won't be part of our budget.
- See report for specific information for this last quarter
- Will probably need more money for Viking Store as there are more ways for students to earn bucks – rewards for fundraisers, incentives when parents attend meetings or events. Some students already made \$100 at this point in the year.
- Mrs. Jordan pointed out that we are using more incentives and classroom celebrations to encourage student growth / success, so more receipts may be coming back from teachers to support this.

Box Tops – Erica Figgins

- Contest for clipped box tops due by 10/25 - this Friday.
- All staff contest, students can turn them in to any staff member
- Box tops is converting to all electronic – probably by end of year.
- Scan receipts within 14 days to get box top points, and generate an email to that teacher – SharonvilleBoxTops@gmail.com to submit and delegate to class credit on the app.

Superintendent's Meeting – Charlise Isham

- Good experience to learn what's going on in other buildings in the district and what they are doing to keep students motivated

President's Report – Amy Goohs-Hardman

- Programming is budgeted for \$3000.00 for the year, and PFO is here to support programs for our students. Programs don't necessarily need to be voted on, as staff makes plans/schedules.
- Offering scholarship to a high school student for the 7th year in a row. Students who are awarded are required to give 20 hours of service to our school. Many have used their early release Wednesdays to come to work with our students. Application process will begin soon – Would someone like to help w/

the process? Amy is getting “too close” as her own students are in the same age group, and she knows many of the applicants personally.

- Spirit Wear sale coming soon – haven’t had a school sale in a long time. Not a fundraising effort; cost as low as \$10 per shirt. Deadline to order will be Nov 11th, merchandise delivered by the holidays.
- Raffle tonight will be a \$5 credit voucher towards the spirit wear sale.
- Upcoming Dates – see the agenda for more information:
 - Thursday, 10/31 – Walk-a-Thon, 2:15
 - Monday, 11/4 – Board of Ed Meeting at PAC – Princeton Administration Center, 6:30pm – Student Council sharing the Inspiration Message

Parent Questions

- Any Crazy Hair day scheduled? A couple kids want to have that – NO, there is not any scheduled at this time.
- Why are ROBO calls coming in the afternoon? Causing parent to worry to see school calling in middle of the day - No idea why that timing...

Thanks to Key Club students for assisting us with babysitting for our meeting tonight.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm