

Dublin Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Members present: Stacy Brand; Elizabeth Cairo; Melissa Otton; Megan Young; Ashley Chambers; Tyra Sapelak; Monica Anglin; Dawn Corby; Rachel Heater; Kristin Perusse; Kim Negoshian; Heather Medrano; Cathy Wolfe; Danielle Bigi

Reading and Approval of the Meeting Minutes- Heather Medrano/Stacy Brand approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Administrative costs
- paid insurance
- \$182 in memberships
- teacher reimbursements
- \$460 spiritwear
- Vending machine-new line item in budget
- Trunk/Treat expenses
- Amazon Smile-\$97 for the quarter
- School kits- \$255
- Skull Island-\$1300 net
- Dine out at Culvers-\$390
- received \$5000 from Nancy van Leuwen

Fundraising:

- Cookie dough is set for spring
- spiritwear is on memberhub
- Book vending machine:
 - teacher input for books
 - delivery in March

Dublin Dining:

- Applebee's-still waiting on amount
- Kickstand Brewery-no dining nights but donated growler and gift certificate
- Hungry Howies: 3rd Tuesday of the month through May
 - first night Dec. 20
 - 10% sales between 4pm-8pm

Membership:

- 228 members
- 74 student members
 - goodie bags for student members
- Kovach-won the membership drive contest/party Dec. 22
- 114 families in the directory

Special Committee Report-

BINGO: need a chair

- Monica/Rachel will support
- prize donations
- reach out to McDonalds (have leftovers from McDonalds and Culvers)

STEM Night:

- have the chairs
- set with the company and finalizing details

Daddy/Daughter Dance:

- 1st meeting is set up

Ice Cream Social-Dawn Corby

- request budget increase \$500 for 2 inflatables/rock tower
- reservations beginning of January
- can cancel with \$50 fee
- raffles/ice cream will bring income
- potential movement of location
- Budget increase of \$500 APPROVED

Reflections:

- 15 submissions total/8 moving to districts
- December 16 to submit

Teacher Report- Mrs. Weckstein

ECSE: We are working on the letter D using the handwriting without tears model. Our number of the week is 13. Our theme is zoo. Words of the week are play and put. We continue to focus daily on social emotional skills daily. We hired our second para to our amazing team Renee Gamble!

Thank you!
Crystal Talia

Kindergarten: In Kindergarten we are busy, busy, busy! We just celebrated that we are all now super readers and have the power to read. We even received a "key to reading" necklace in which we are all proud to wear. We have studied the alphabet inside and out and our sight/snap words too to help us become strong readers and writers. We have also been studying differences and similarities in people all over the world.

First: In first grade, we are being entomologists and studying insects. Our task is to learn about various insects that live in our community and convince our friends and family that insects are helpful and should be protected. We are also studying various versions of the gingerbread stories this month and comparing their plots. We look forward to wrapping up our study with a gingerbread themed holiday party.

Second: In second we just completed our personal narrative writing units and had a huge celebration as we sprinkled each other's writing with compliments and enjoyed donuts as a class. We are wrapping up our non-fiction reading unit! We are also finishing our plants unit and have loved watching all sorts of new plants grow while learning about their life cycle and the plant parts.

Third:

In third grade, we are learning all about the geography of Michigan. We've started by discovering where we are in the world, starting big from our planet, our continent, our country, and now we're ready to learn all about our wonderful state of Michigan!

Fourth We are working hard on opinion essays. These are being done in google slides to incorporate technology. Then we'll practice presentation skills by presenting the end product to other classes. We're so excited about this!

Fifth In 5th grade, students have created personal data notebooks on google slides to present at their student-led conferences tomorrow. They can't wait to share them with their families.

On Friday, our fifth graders will be making holiday cards to send to the soldiers. Patty Harthun will be sending them to where Amy (Love) Van Akin's husband is stationed for the holidays. He will pass out all of the cards to the soldiers. If anyone would like to make a card and give it to me by Monday, December 12th, I'd be happy to add it to the batch.

Principal Report: Danielle Bigi

- Book fair
- 5th grade band/orchestra visits
- Student Council-PJ drive brought in 257 pairs of PJs
- able to park in the new parking lot
- basketball/track is waiting on fence

VP's Report:

- Conference dinner-Highland House

-Overseeing special committees: need chair for BINGO

President's Report:

- MLK celebration/donation
- PTSA 2/27 at Dublin
- Reflections-looking for judges
- Foundation for Excellence Dinner

Legislative Update (Stacy Brand)

November Legislative Update

For additional details reference the WLCSD PTSA November 2022 Legislative Update

- District thanks community- sinking fund renewal passes
- Walled Lake community elects three new board members
- Safety of Children and Youth
 - Gun Safety and Violence Prevention
 - Mental Health Resources
 - Safe Storage of Firearms
 - Be SMART for Kids- Statewide Virtual Training, December 7
- VoterVoice Action Alerts
- Michigan PTA Action Center and National PTA advocacy Take-Action: Key topics championed by National PTA and Michigan PTA; pre drafted messages ready to send to state and local representatives; edit or add your own personal comments, name and details and hit send if you agree with supporting the cause
 - § Seizure Safe Schools
 - § Prioritize health & safety of every child
- Michigan PTA Annual Convention
- Notes from the Backpack: A PTA Podcast
- Save the Date- 2023 Day of Service coincides with Earth Day, April 22, 2023

Old/New Business:

- laminator: ~\$3000
 - laminator/cabinet/warranty/shipping
 - up to \$4000 APPROVED
- hand sanitizer:
 - looking into shipping
- 3rd grade field trip
 - requesting \$300 increase- APPROVED
- Literacy/Stem Library:
 - use the donation \$5000 from Nancy van Leuwen- APPROVED

Raffle Winner: Dawn Corby/VIP BINGO Pass

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 PM