Pine Grove Elementary School PTA

**PTA Meeting**

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

Meeting Notes

**Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

**Call to Order** – 6:31pm by President Anna Gibbons

**Attendees:** Diane Richmond, Melissa Markle, Karin Wohlgemuth, Anna Gibbons, Jen Keiber, Candice Matthews, Hillary Martell, Tasha Logue, Kristina Kubala.

**Welcome:** Welcome we are glad you’re here! It’s hard around the holidays, thanks for carving out the time for this.

**Spirit Week:** December 20th-23rd. Tasha made a flier to distribute. Does that work for everyone? No questions so, YES!

**Teacher Breakfast:** Date is Thursday, December 23rd for teachers, staff, and bus drivers. A parent wants to contribute a lot of stuff, some items will be homemade and we’ll buy some things. Principal Richmond confirmed set up was okay in the staff lounge.

**Nailed It!:** Tasha reported 66 families participated, and the pictures posted on Facebook look fantastic for the yearbook!! Hopefully we can do it again – everyone really enjoyed it.

**Budget Update:**

Hillary updated that the bank account is around $19,000. Outstanding expenses = $3,000 including the deposit for the yearbook and spiritwear and Nailed it. Deposits for $2,000 not shown up yet – total operating, we have about 18k as our working budget right now. That does not include funds coming from the cupcake challenge, around +$300.

**Teacher’s Update:**

Mrs. Kubala updated – 2 things: 1- TV studio wanted to thank for the events announcements, they’ve really enjoyed having them to share with the students. 2- Teachers have asked how they know if they have joined the PTA? Hillary will email Ms. Kubala the list of teachers who are members.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal Richmond updated: Thank you for coming and sponsoring the cupcake challenge.

* Mrs. Connie Nittinger is the new front office secretary.
* Kathy Heslop, our Pre-K aid for the last 7ish years, took a job at a private school. She will be with us until after Christmas but then were looking for someone to fill that position. If you know of anyone who like to be involved at the school, working as a pre-K assistant, let us know.
* COVID notifications are increasing again. Beginning of the year had lots of cases, then around Thanksgiving we had 3-4 weeks without any cases, now since Thanksgiving lots of students are out on COVID quarantine.
  + Mrs. Franker is doing all the COVID contact tracing. It’s a big job, she’s doing great.
  + We apologize for anyone on quarantine, there are so many we are running out of teachers doing tutoring before and after school hours.
  + It’s 10 days total they are quarantined (including weekends) unless they get a negative COVID test.
  + Several cases lately, 3 just today. Sometimes it’s parents letting us know the students who are at home have covid, or someone in the family has it and then we have to do contact tracing. Anyone is contacted who is within 3 ft for 15 minutes of the student in class, or 6 feet and 15 minutes or more in the cafeteria. None of our kids have gotten very ill that we know of, we’re grateful for that, but a lot of kids are out.
  + We are looking forward to spirit week and we’re looking forward to the holiday breakfast, they perk up the staff – it’s fun for everyone.
  + Overall throughout the school day it’s still a great place to be.
* Anna commented – it’s all affecting us at work and school, it’s a reality. We maybe can find something nice for Mrs. Franker? That’s tough when you job shifts all of a sudden.

**Open Discussion:**

* So, we’re rolling into the holidays: Spirit week and Breakfast – we’ll start looking at what we can do for 2022. Assemblies or activities possibly for the kids to keep encouraging people.
* Can we get an early January date out there so we can hit the ground running? Does January 10th work?
  + Yes, from everyone!

**Closing:** Any other items to talk about? Real light agenda tonight. Nothing added so the meeting was closed. Thanks for coming tonight & happy holidays and happy New Year!!

**Meeting Adjourned** – 6:47 pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karin Wohlgemuth  
Recording Secretary