

## East Troy Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2023

Call to order at 6:01 PM by Dani Foster

Approved minutes from May meeting: 1st by Tiffany Beinemann & 2nd by Gina Whipp

PTO mission stated and Board Member introductions

### **Principal's Corner:**

*Lindsay Harris (Little Prairie)* - First couple of weeks of school include reminders of building expectations for incoming students and student academic assessments. Little Prairie has an ever growing staff. Increase in student needs has required a higher number of staff members to support them. October is Fire Prevention month and the fire department partners with the school to promote fire safety.

*Mark Weerts (Prairie View)* - New 3rd graders come in and need to get acclimated to a new school and staff. Establishing new routines for students. Staff members trying to keep the morale high for students.

### **Upcoming Events:**

*Student Birthdays* - Kira (Chairperson) had birthday ice cream at Prairie View today and Little Prairie's will be next Wednesday, Sept 27th

*Next Level (previously Step It Up) Fundraiser* - re-framed language surrounding the event to be more transparent with the community and parents as to what the fundraiser will be raising money for (i.e. literacy, Family Nights, field trips, All School Read, etc.)

Kick Off 9/20; End 10/4

DJ Goldie retired therefore there was no assembly and shifted to virtual kick off; PTO officers will be meeting on Thursday night to divide prize packs for students; prize packs will be delivered to classrooms at the end of day Friday

*Fall Teacher Conference Meals* -

Little Prairie 10/19 & 10/24; Prairie View 11/2 & 11/7

*Fall Literati Book Fairs:*

Little Prairie 10/19 & 10/24; Prairie View 11/2 & 11/7

Similar to Scholastic; rewards will still be available for teachers; easy to shop for parents; this year we will spread the classroom visits for students over the two book fairs days in the afternoon ONLY (morning 4K will be an exception); PTO will continue to sponsor a free \$5 book for each elementary student; the community donor from last year will again purchase a free book for each student at both elementary schools (Prairie View will be sponsored at the fall book fair and Little Prairie at the spring book fair); coin drive will continue again to support classroom libraries

*Prairie View Pumpkin Carving & Little Prairie Decorating* - 10/24

Camp Timber-Lee will again host its pumpkin walk so Prairie View carved pumpkins will be donated to the camp; Little Prairie's pumpkins will be donated to the Chamber of Commerce to decorate the village square; currently working with Bauer's to purchase the pumpkins; consider that it's a short work week with inservice and no school on Friday; pumpkin carving and decorating will need to take place on October 24th

*Pumpkin Pop-Up East Troy Village Square* - 10/27-10/31

Set Up Thursday 10/26; Clean Up Wednesday 11/1; volunteers are welcome for set up and clean up of the pumpkin displays in the village square; recommended to write names on the pumpkins of younger students so they can find their pumpkin in the square

*Day of Awesomeness:* 11/14

Will utilize high school volunteers to support this event; hoping to support the students that have sensory needs on the Day of Awesomeness

*Family Night:* Roller Skating - Thursday 11/30 - more details to come; PTO will pay for this event for participating families; includes hot dog meal, admission and skate rental

### **Long Term Event Planning Items**

*Community and Staff Fund Request Process* - please request a meeting with a board member or attend a meeting to request funds

*Staff and Teacher Appreciation Network* - hoping to get a network of volunteers to help support staff on appreciation efforts; follow this link if interested: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEA92FA2FC1-east1#/>

*Kringle Fundraiser* - will continue this fundraiser; raised \$5,000 last year; we will sort kringle orders ahead of time and distribute to families based on last name (example: A-J; K-Z); pick up Saturday 12/9 in LP Cafeteria

### **Treasurer's Report**

Trash Into Cash has changed recently as we no longer have Amazon Smile rewards, Coke rewards and the Piggly Wiggly store receipts; we still can use Box Tops

Board is currently finalizing the budget for the upcoming school year and will present at October meeting; we invested in a new laptop and Quickbooks software for the Treasurer position

We will continue to support the teacher reimbursement; forms are in the staff mailbox area; complete form and include receipts to get the reimbursement

If teachers need to support students in their school supply needs, encouraged to reach out to Jinnesa Pluess

LP and PV Playground Shades - considering sail shades for playgrounds and looking to get some quotes from our building and grounds staff member; working with the same vendor that installed our current playground equipment at Little Prairie; trying to determine if we can support this need while being cost effective

PV Gym Sound Equipment - could use new microphones and speakers; Mr. Peloquin is currently working with a consultant to determine what to purchase; currently looking at a cost of \$2,500

### **Public Comments**

NA

**Next meeting:** Budget Approval Meeting: Wed, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Little Prairie library

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 PM.