

Walnut Grove Elementary
PTO General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

I. Called to order at - 9:01 am

By - Christy Renda

Attendees: See attachment A

II. Motion to approve minutes from May 1, 2018 by - Traci Funk

2nd by - Melissa Moore

Motion passed - See Attachment B

Christy allowed Mr. Landers to go first -

IV. Mr. Mike Landers - Principal's Report

Introductions

Allison Fike, Assistant Principal

Haily May, Assistant Principal

Officer Frank LaGrassa

Our campus continues to grow in numbers. We have a new Asst. Principal that we will be sharing with Johnson Elementary. She will be on our campus W/T/F weekly.

Mr. Landers introduced additional office/support staff to parents.

Teachers and staff have done an amazing job getting the kids unloaded in the morning. Please continue to observe the documented traffic pattern for drop off and pick up.

- Details can be found on the school website
- Make also sure you have your printed information in your car window to speed up the pick up process

Parent Volunteers -

Required to complete background check yearly - link on PTO website

Sign in thru Raptor and make sure to display your name tag on shirt where it is visible

Important dates to remember:

• CURRICULUM NIGHTS

August 29, 2018: Second Grade, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

August 30, 2018: Third Grade, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

August 30, 2018: Fourth Grade, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

September 6, 2018: First Grade, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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September 6, 2018: Kindergarten, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

- No school on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.
- Lunch volunteer schedule will start next week, September 4th. For now the staff asks that parents give the children time to learn their routines. Guests must check in at the front desk and will eat outside the cafeteria at a table with the child. No friends are allowed to sit at the table with you.
- WGES Dads
 - September 7th at 7am-7:45
- DAWGS
 - Dads at Walnut Grove is a program to encourage dads to get involved on campus
 - On Fridays, dads can volunteer to greet the morning car riders with their child.
 - Look for email sign up to come out soon.

III. Christy Renda - President

- Introduced the 2018-2019 Executive Board & Grade Level coordinators
- New Website address launched & it has all positions listed
- Watched a video by Amanda Orr created to explain all the ways PTO supports the school
- Reminder to sign up for PTO & volunteer to help out
 - Christy went over the website to show all the ways to sign up and donate.
 - PTO is selling shirts to wear while volunteering
 - Sign up online to get your child's Field Trip shirt. They will be distributed to your child's classroom.

V. Officer reports

Julie Elliott- Treasurer

Budgets available for review

First day forms - all money will be allocated appropriately so that you don't have to write multiple checks

Nicole Lenocker- VP Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers for certain grades.

Kinder party - November 16 or 17 - to be confirmed

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1st grade - Pumpkin Spin, October 31

Bryanna Room - VP Fundraising

New this year - Partnership Sponsorship for \$5000 - See Attachment C for sponsorship benefits

Reliant Air is signed up thanks to the Stewart family.

We are still looking for personal and business sponsors.

Spirit Shop - Jayme Frasier & Sarah Mackey

Visit **WalnutGroveElementarySchoolSpiritShop** Facebook page

They have spent countless hours designing items, tagging, managing inventory, etc.

They will be open for Grove Games & any special events

They will not be open every Friday like last year

We will not be doing novelty items any more because it was a little distracting in the classroom

Other fundraisers:

1st fundraising event is the **Mother Son event** Friday, September 21st around 6pm. Hamburger man will be here again.

We will likely do Dodgeball again as well.

Looking for volunteers for this event because many of the PTO moms will be attending with their sons.

Grove Games - Marci Bruner and Trish Rylee

Last year this event raised over 90K.

Great way to get the kids involved.

Games will take place during the day on Oct 12th & its Olympic themed.

Pep rally - 8:15 am on Oct 2nd & kicks off the week of fundraising.

Several events will be held throughout the week.

Top fundraising class will win a class party.

Fall Spirit nights:

Tazikis preorders accepted until Sept 4th for Sept 6th pickup

Chipotle October 29, 4-8 pm

Ame B pop up shop November 14th

December-Feb TBD

Game Day April 9th, 10-6 pm

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Jayne Frasier - VP Community

September

Dragons go Blue against Bullying

Red Ribbon Week is for Kindness and Compassion

Traci Funk/Rebecca Langston - Community Programs

Box Tops, Amazon Smile, Tom Thumb & Kroger

Kroger - Register once -& done **Reward # GG906** or

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You can do this online

Tom Thumb - Good neighbor program. Has to be renewed every year.

Charity #10971 under Walnut Grove PTO

Amazon Smile

Smile.Amazon.com

Walnut Grove Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

Box Tops - keep cutting those Box Tops!

Lori Gannon - Communication

This is a new position to PTO to try to improve & streamline communication.

New Website - www.wges.pto.com - Please bookmark it.

From the website you can sign up for PTO newsletters by selecting

PTO Signup.

Kristen Nelson - Advisor

We had leftover \$\$ so we able to accomplish some last minute improvements.

We ordered new swings for Kindergarten. They should be here & installed by mid-fall.

Landscape - used a little leftover money. Megan Bailey spruced up our landscape along with summer volunteers who kept it watered.

Volunteer of the month Megan Bailey for landscape

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& Elizabeth Boccaccio for our Welcome Back PTO breakfast

Next PTO Meeting will be Sept 11 here on campus at 9:30 am

No new Thank you notes

No new or unfinished business