PTO Minutes 5/18/22 at 1:30pm @ Parkside

It was great to be able to meet in person! We sampled treats from Perfect Pastries Fundraising and Mrs. Logston brought us drinks - thank you!

Principal’s Report:
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Assistant Principal’s Report:
● Mrs. Bodart came to say hi and thanks on behalf of both she and Mr. Smith.

President’s Report:
● The group approved a one-time cost of $350 to help pay for a picnic table in the courtyard made from recycled lids/caps. The lids were collected by Parkside students earlier this year.
● PTO received a letter from a current sixth grader that has been providing period product supplies in the student restrooms. She would like to see this continued after she graduates from Parkside and asked for PTO assistance to keep it going. The group agreed that this is something we would like to continue and will discuss further on what that will look like. We also discussed how this may be a larger scope project than just Parkside. Kelli will speak with the student and office staff to answer some current questions and come up with a plan for both Parkside and potentially a formal request for the school corporation.
● OPEN POSITION for 2022-2023
  o Looking for someone (or a group of someones!) interested in taking on this role for next year. Kelli can work to prepare you over the next couple months and will also help next year. This is an organizational position that serves as the PTO contact for the school, plans and leads the monthly meetings, and coordinates volunteers as needed. There are some welcome forms for August gold folders and you are responsible for the first bulletin board to be put up before school starts. You may need to fulfill the duties of current open positions at your discretion.

Vice President:
● OPEN POSITION for 2022-2023
  o This position provides support to the President in preparation of becoming President the following year.
Author’s Night went really well! This is something that may be repeated in the future so if you have feedback about the event, let Kelli know.

**OPEN POSITION for 2022-2023**
- The Social Chair plans and leads social events, historically in the fall and spring in conjunction with the book fair. Timing and events are very flexible! People can volunteer for individual events if you have an idea but don’t want to be in charge for the whole year.

**Green Team:**
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**Bonus Programs:**
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**Book Fair:**
- Author’s Night book fair with Viewpoint was very successful!

**Newsletter:**
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**Landscaping:**
- If you’d like to help work in the dirt with Stephanie, email ParksidePTObcsc@gmail.com
Parker Bear:

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Staff Appreciation:

● Teacher Appreciation Week was fantastic! SO MANY THANKS from the teachers and staff!! Thank you Michelle for all the hard work and time spent organizing, finding sponsors, and delivering/serving things.
● Thank you to all the parents who helped donate and/or serve items!

Fundraising/Walk-a-thon:

● Thank you Susan for coordinating the reward party!! Students who raised $150 or more were treated to a bounce house and special treat on Wednesday, May 11.
● Thank you Jessica for coordinating the courtyard lunch!! Students who raised $90 or more were treated to their regular lunch in the courtyard with a special treat and music on Monday, May 9.
● All walkathon prizes and spending are complete. Trupti is working with Isabelle for a final dollar amount.

Treasure Bucks:

● Treasure Buck redemption has changed for the fourth quarter. Students can turn in treasure bucks every Friday to spin the prize wheel. Kelli will communicate if volunteers are needed.

Toe Tokens

● Toe Tokens is a recess running program where students can run laps during recess and be rewarded with a necklace and charms. Charms represent distances run.
● Kelli is coordinating and Toe Tokens is happening Mondays and Wednesdays with awards being distributed on Monday for the prior week’s laps. Kelli will distribute final awards on Friday during recess.
● This has been WILDLY popular with students! Of Parkside’s 750 students, 401 have run at least one mile (seven laps around a medium soccer field) with the program! In just 5.5 days of running the program, Parkside students have run a collective 1,171 miles!
● Would like to make this a permanent budget item and position for next year. Ms. Wiley would love to do the program in the fall and spring prior to the two kids’ runs held in Columbus in September and May. She has some money she can contribute to the budget.
● If we do this again in the fall, Kelli proposes a similar set up (volunteers requested through gold folder and email communication, calendar sign up made, consistent days announced). Active days are volunteer and weather-dependent.
**Grade Levels:**
Grade level reps may want to consider submitting what is going on in their grade to the newsletter. Please have it approved by the teachers. Pictures would be great!

Grade Level Reps should remind their teachers to use their $3/child money if they have not already. This needs to be something that benefits the whole grade level, so there is flexibility, but the funds do not roll over (they need to spend the money by the end of the year or they will lose it!). If you have questions about this, let Kelli know. You can look at the finance report to see if your grade has used their money yet.

**Holiday Wish Lists:**
- Dreamlists have been updated to a theme to cover the whole year (thanks Laura!). Kelli will work with Grade Level Reps to have teachers update these lists to be ready to share again at the start of the school year.

**Specials:**
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**Pre-K:**
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**Kindergarten:**
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**1st Grade:**
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**2nd Grade:**
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**3rd Grade:**
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**4th Grade:**
- Fourth grade says thanks for all that PTO supports (PTO loves to hear it!).
5th Grade:

6th Grade:

- Mrs. Stroh says thanks to everyone for all the help with Author’s Night.

Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: August, 2022