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# Board Meeting MINUTES

**September 13th, 2023**

**Start: 9:04 am End:**

**Attendees:**

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| Yes Jen Klemz | Yes Mackenzie Gapastione | Yes Jen Meggos |
| Yes Liz Rossi | Yes Veronica Roche | Yes Meg Klucharik |
| Yes Erika Nelander | Yes Francesca Rabchuk | No Melissa Odenbach |
| Yes Dr. Wagner | | |

**Principal Update – Dr. Wagner**

1. Digital release of AIMS web will be end of September
2. IAR will go home 9/28 for current 4th-6th graders
3. PD Promise tickets
    a. new program where any staff member can give a student a ticket for good behavior, responsibility and helpfulness
4. New stencils for playground
    a. 4 Square, Hopscotch, Copy me game and Target game. Will parents help paint? Possibly an Eagle Scout, NHS Students or DGN theater department.
5. Dr. Wagner will discuss PTA memberships with teachers at next meeting

**Presidents – Jen Klemz & Liz Rossi**

1. Meeting minutes were approved from the August 18, 2023 meeting after changing the change in tax filing status - audit is complete but taxes not submitted.
2. Teacher experiences proceeds:
    a. discussed using for recess equipment and to refresh bathrooms. Dr. Wagner expressed that funds should first be used for students and if have extra can use to refresh teachers lounge
3. DG58 School Board Monthly Meetings
    a. Board to sign-up on google drive. In December PD will be the school spotlight
4. 23/24 PTA Board Meetings
    a. September 15th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th, January 19th, February 9th, March 15th, April 12th, May 17th
5. 23/24 PTA General Meetings
    a. September 20th, November 15th, February 13th, April 17th, May TBD
6. 23/24 PTA Council Meetings
    a. September 27th, November 15th, January 24th, March 20th, May TBD
7. PTA Teacher Communication

    a. Dr. Wagner will mentions PTA membership to the teachers at their next meeting
8. Illinois PTA Training opportunities
    a. reminder to sign up for training opportunities
9. Homecoming Parade
    a. Need Volunteers to hole the banner. Liz Rossi volunteered
10. Babysitting to be offered at General Meeting
    a. Elizabeth Ehrhart attending but she does not want questions pre submitted
11. Teacher Grants
    a. Applications distributed mid October, entries between Nov. 1st- Nov. 15th. We have up to $2K

**Treasurers – Erika Nelander & Mackenzie Gapastione**

1. Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget
2. Recommended Annual Giving amount, Givebacks
    a. Recommended that we do not have an annual giving this year due to our healthy bank balance
3. Monthly Balance is $60K

**VP of Fundraising – Francesca Rabchuk**

1. Golf Outing
    a. All holes are covered, need day of help for raffle etc.
2. Spirit Wear update
    a. Same vendor as last year, Undefeated Apparel. Reviewed some new options and added sweatpants, sweatshirts, soft t-shirt, zippered hoodie, bag and hat. May add other items
3. September Dine-Out
    a. 9/28 City BBQ
    b. Aug dine out raised $235 (Outpost)
4. Minted will launch in October
5. Wolves - game is set for January 5th
6. Francesca brought up accommodating the students at events with a Decompression Room. A place that they can go to that has activities to be calm.
7. Veronica brought up refreshing Calming Corners in the classroom as items were last bought in 2019.
8. Francesca suggested the idea of including Sensory Events. Board was in consensus that we need to continue the conversation to be inclusive.

**VP of Social – Jen Meggos**

1. Donuts with Grownups is ready to go
2. Fun Lunch
3. VIP Date Scheduled for 10/27
4. Kickbowl Date Scheduled for 10/22

**Secretary – Veronica Roche**

1. Directory Spot
    a. 91 family memberships and 46 single memberships so far

**VP of Operations – Meg Klucharik**

1. Room Representatives - have room rep for each classroom
2. Website Update
3. Classroom Party and Art Awareness sign ups - sign up will be available at 9am on 9/22
4. Yearbook Chair open position - ask friends if they would chair

**VP of Academic Enrichment – Melissa Odenbach**

1. One Book One School
2. Reading Games and Artcot chairs confirmed
3. STEAM, Author Fest open chair positions
4. After School Enrichment
5. Scholarship Committee
6. Reflections