



## **General Meeting Minutes October 25, 2022-11:15 am**

Powell PTO Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2020

### **Call to Order and Welcome**

Mickela Schulz called the meeting to order at 11:20a.m. and welcomed everyone.

### **Approval of Previous minutes**

Mickela Schulz approved the minutes from the previous meeting of September 27, 2022 and Nikki Adams seconded. The motion carried.

### **Principal's Report**

Erin Mathe reported that Powell is having 4-5 kids on average a week join and then 4-5 leave so we are basically staying the same in numbers. After holidays people move and then numbers may change.

- Storybook parade- may rain. Plan B old in gym with bleachers and line up sides with parents and kids parade inside. She will make the call on Thursday and then send a detailed email. Parents will have to sign in but may have sticker name tag or just sheet sign in.
- Veteran's Day last year had an online video, but plan to do something at school this year. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program and veterans for all grade levels. Only 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents will join, and rest of the school will be streamed. District does something at 10am as well, beautiful ceremony and Woodforest Stadium.
- Encouraged Voting to speak your opinion and our majority be represented.
- No school Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> due to voting.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Membership:** 1 new family joined, total 189 families signed up and 27 staff
- **Fundraising:** Meeting with Boosterthon in Nov. teacher orders due in Dec. for shirts. Yard signs for sale. Sold at Carnival as well \$15 a piece

- **Programs:** 4th grade went to an orchestra show and kinder had their fieldtrip to Old McDonald Farm. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is currently planning their field trip. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> not sure yet where they are going to go. 4<sup>th</sup> grade has another field trip later on in the school year.
- **Audit:** They will be doing quarter 1 audit in the next couple of weeks.
- **Carnival and Silent Auction:** Carnival will have 13 games, 13 interactions, 7 different experiences (ex. learning zoo, robotics from College Park HS, Dunk tank). Food trucks out front with tables. Presale tickets start now Oct 25<sup>th</sup> until Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Bundle 6 for \$25 each sheet has 10 tickets, after \$5 per sheet. Games will be in classrooms in order to leave hallways more open. Playground will be available. Maps being shared beforehand with games available. We want as many people to come as possible. Silent auction is getting companies to sponsor and we are thankful to parents who have helped put gift baskets together and will go live on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.
- **Grocery Programs:** We received from Amazon program \$176 and Kroger \$366. Employment matching program haven't received anything from them
- **Staff Appreciation:** Had sonic day and bag of popcorn for staff. It was a success.
- **Communications:** Biggest thing is trying to pass the word about Facebook and Instagram. We currently have 180 followers and would like to have this number grow. It would be helpful to reiterate this in Powell Publisher for reminders. Chik-fil-A spirit night surpassed last years amount. Want to try and reset Room parent info since so many adds and drops of children we need to check list with corrected emails adding new and erasing people who have left. Will be worked on the next couple of weeks
- **Landscape:** Pumpkins outside were set up by front entrance. Carnival will have rock painting and encourage kids to leave them and add to our rock garden. Ashling requested flowers on the backside and fix it up back entrance.
- **Spirit Nights:** \$610 from Chik-fil-a. MOD pizza spirit night will be Oct 26,2022 at both locations and begins at 10:30am. Last year MOD recieved \$882. In person say Powell and code online is MOD1239.
- **Yearbook:** Yearbook is currently on sale for \$40 through Jan. 27,2023 on the Jostens website. 4<sup>th</sup> grade adds being sold until Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. If unsure you purchased or can't remember what email you used call 1-877-767-5217 press 1 then 1 for yearbook sales and services
- **Hospitality:** Doughnuts with Grownups will be held in the Spring 2023 in March. Currently they are pricing things out and prices have gone up.
- **Sponsorship:** Lindsay Finley is reaching out to companies. For example Hughes and Cozard for carnival \$1,500 is already given to PTO as a bronze sponsor. Texas first bank – \$1,800 for shirts for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, \$750 for table and additional \$250 for school. Embrace company is also sponsoring something. Exxon does corporate match, and spouses with minimum (5 and 20 hours) volunteer hours, Ashling will help look into this option and let us know more details about it.
- **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost and Found as it is already starting to fill up. Will find somewhere to display for carnival as well as roll it around parade in Storybook for parents to see.

- **Treasurer:** Kinder field trip paid for. Big expenses include- teachers using teacher allocations given to them (under liabilities in sheet), Grade level funds given, Carnival purchasing, Copier, Dreambox. We will have a CPA helping to order things and so taxes will be done better. Sheets may start looking different. Bench ordered was back ordered, reimbursed and now reordered. The \$413 difference sent to Sickle Cell Foundation. This year Mrs. Mathe said there would be a new place to donate and kids loved helping others in order to impact community directly. Maybe around April. Campus events committee will take this on.
- **Additions:** Toothy will make appearance front office and storybook parade. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> kids can start giving candy into him. Candy can be used for Carnival fun size for game prizes and left over can be put in general store in small bags. He can be our collection monster for other things throughout the year Ducks. Will have a tag on them to take a picture and then post a picture with them and attach it to Instagram.

### Open Discussion

- Sickness and what measures are being taken? We were at 90% attendance. It was bad and worse than we had had it before with virus (fevers and stomach). Now wipe down nightly in classrooms and Covid measures reinstated with hand sanitizer and hand washing. 4 day weekend helped now 95% and so all these measures helped.
- Carnival public safety ? There will increase in police presence (2 Conroe ISD officers, staff members at doors, Walkie-Talkies for several people)

### Upcoming Events

- October 26- Spirit Day MOD Pizza both locations
- October 28th - Story Book Parade @ 8:30am
- October 28<sup>th</sup> thru November 8<sup>th</sup>- Pre sale for Carnival Tickets
- November 1st- Introducing “Toothy”
- November 4th - PAWS-itive Awards
- November 8th- No School Election Day
- November 11th- Veteran’s Day Program
- November 12th- Passport through Powell Carnival 2-6pm

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**Next PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 11:15 a.m. in the library.

Minutes compiled by Leslie Loayza, Powell PTO Secretary