

Three Oaks Middle School
PTO MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2023

∇∇ = Volunteer opportunity ⇒ = Action required

Members Present: Tiffany Biros, Amy Custo, Irene Mimnaugh, Zaigymar Nieves, Ghada Nohra, Amy Ospina, Alison Poole, May Reidy, Kristina Rendon, Lillian Rossi, Katie Shinabarker, Kristin Teschke, Forrest Walker, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: *Principal Walker, Ms. Rossi, Ms. Rendon*

Principal – Mr. Walker

- Principal Walker posted a Q1 letter on www.okm.leeschools.net and will also send home a hard copy informing parents (required by law) of all Out of Field Teachers.
- OpenGate system is working well; adjustments made as staff learned of sensor issues
- School picture day is October 3rd
- Marine Lab trip will be October 14th-16th
- ∇∇Honor Roll assemblies will be held November 15th: 9:45-10:40 6th grade, 10:43-11:38 7th grade, and 11:41-12:36pm 8th grade. Two volunteers per session requested.
- 6th grade is hosting the next PBIS field day – Students who meet the “Mighty Blue Expectations” earn Focus badges
 - Parents can check this on the Focus portal, under discipline section (which is under Child Info)
 - Students should aim to earn two per week
 - Each grade takes turns hosting a PBIS event
- ∇∇Field Day is a possible opportunity for volunteers, as it is difficult to get teachers coverage for their classrooms if they are assisting with the PBIS event
- ⇒Ms. Rendon will let PTO know date & time

TREASURER REPORT: *Amy Ospina*

- Current balance is \$8,759.11
- The only expense this month is a candy donation totaling \$150.51 to PBIS department
- Two checks came in – one from last year from the Florida Everblades TOMS night (\$160.00 earned from PTO efforts last year) and Naples Flatbread Spirit Night from last month, for \$100.00
- Upcoming Spirit Nights will be advertised on Facebook, School Messenger, and Twitter
- Upcoming expenses include the Fall Fest DJ
- PTO will consider Kevin Shell of Epic Entertainment for future event – this is Ms. Rendon’s Uncle
- Mr. Loux of the Science Department is looking for help with STEM for Edison Festival of Lights Regional Inventors Fair to cover entry fees \$150 for each fair (2 fairs) and \$20 per student entry fees

- ⇒PTO is in favor of helping with entry fees and will look into number of students for individual entry fees

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Fest Dance

- PTO has been asked to take over hosting Fall Fest – Friday/October 27th 6-8 PM
- ∇∇ Volunteers are needed to sell tickets and during the dance – a SignUp Genius will be sent via email
- Dance will be held in the cafeteria, to reduce the need for volunteers (compared to courtyard dances)
- Canned food donations are given in lieu of ticket sales, so it will not be a major PTO fundraiser
- Tickets will be sold for students to turn in for refreshments
- PTO can sell glow sticks, pizza, etc.
- 250-300 can fit comfortably in cafeteria
- Students need a completed permission form and canned food item to get their name highlighted on the list for entry to the dance
- It works best to have staff members at check-in; easier for them to identify students
- ∇∇Morning ticket sales and handing out permission slips *must have volunteer application and copy of photo ID approved and on file
- There will be a costume contest, photo booth, DJ giveaways, dancing, and food for sale (pizza, chips, beverages)
 - Prizes awarded by categories; allow student council to come up with categories
 - Giveaways can include water bottles (if administration has extra), TOMS shirts, and lanyards (donated by administration)
- ∇∇Food and beverage donations appreciated (bags of chips, bottles of soda, pizza, gift card to a grocery store)
 - Irene can advertise this on the parent page in her community
- Lights are dimmed on dance side and brighter near food (for photo booth)
- ⇒Dress code is in the student handbook and on the website, and Amy Ospina will forward what Student Council used as dress code guidelines to Amy Custo
- Dance will be promoted on School Messenger, Facebook, Twitter, and school news
- Idea to guess how much candy is in a container. Students bring a quarter to make a guess, and can guess all week; winner gets the jar. This can be set up that week in the media center and supervised by paraprofessional
- ⇒Ask student council if they want to and are willing to volunteer
- ⇒Ask student council to promote at meetings and to make signs to promote it
- May Reidy might have a Halloween backdrop for photo booth – Amanda McDonough may also have one
- PTO will start using SignUp Genius to recruit volunteers and donations
- For dance the volunteer shift will be 5-9pm
- Tickets sales shifts will 9:15-9:45am (canned good collection) in front of Ms. Fite and Ms. Barry's rooms to deposit canned goods in boxes in front of their rooms

- ⇒ May asked about parent night outs at Palm Brewery – Bowen has a student here if we can consider this as an event, in addition to the dine out nights

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- Spaces can be provided at the bus ramp for AM and PM drop off and pick-up for the VIP Parking fundraiser
- There will be one spot for each grade level, and one spot a quarter will be donated
- Debating using Bidding Owl or a Google form to collect bids
- ⇒ Bidding Owl charges 5% and is more user friendly; alerts participants if they have been outbid – Amy Custo will contact them
- PayPal charges 2-3%
- PTO will encourage people to register even if they don't bid to win the donated spot
- Allow bidding for a week – date TBD
- ⇒ Let Principal Walker know how spots will be designated and numbered – it needs to be durable and visible

Golf Tournament

- Principal Walker asked how May golf tournament is organized - May explained the Peter Ennis/Pinewoods connection - he is who spearheaded it, and this is the 20th year. It is always the 3rd Saturday of October (for Pinewoods) – the idea is to host them when it is not season. Pinewoods has made up to \$22,000; prizes donated by people really helps. The big costs are t-shirts and greens fees; promoting is minimal cost
- Principal Walker is very interested in starting one for Three Oaks – silent auction, etc.
- ⇒ May offering to talk to Jeff Nixon to get a date to speak with TOMS to find out if Stoneybrook wants to sponsor
- Teacher Ms. Johnson on staff has a golf-pro husband – Principal would like to invite school board members, supervisor, etc.
- Teacher at TOMS elementary may have been a pro-golfer
- A student here has a mom who is a pro-golfer – we think
- Sodding request needs to be presented again; possibly complete in stages and work on it throughout the year – original estimate of cost \$80,000
- Alison Poole has a connection at “Longhorn Steakhouse” of GCTC, and asks the PTO to keep in mind for Teacher Appreciation Day, cards for honor roll, silent auction, etc.
 - ⇒ Alison Poole will ask if hosing a Spirit Night can happen
- Does TOMS have a mascot? It could be named “Tom”
- “Swampy” is reserved for car line to promote TOMS night at the Everblades game
- Everblades Home opener 10/28 with trick-or-treating and teddy bear toss 12/9
- ⇒ Amy Ospina will get the link from Everblades this week; TOMS receives \$5 back per ticket and tickets are discounted (2 different games)
- ⇒ Amy Custo will have Principal Walker announced if he attends the game!

Spirit Nights

- ⇒ Ms. Landstrom will give Amy Ospina the names of the six people volunteering from NJHS for the “Culver’s” Spirit Night

- ∇∇Amy Ospina appreciates a volunteer at “Culver’s” October 18th 5-8 PM to help check people in and out
- May Reidy set up SignUp Genius, and will make Publix and Costco requests for corporate donations and/or cash cards
- Many parents still don’t know about weekly focus – Amy Custo reminds people on “TOMS MOMS” Facebook page to check, and it is in the process of being updated to be found more easily
- ⇒Principal Walker will send a reminder on School Messenger

Next PTO meeting is October 23, 2023

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