

# Windom Elementary PTO – Meeting

September 17, 2021 7:00 pm.

Officers: Melissa Chandler- Co-President Brooke Smith - Vice President Joanne Juliano - Treasurer Lindsay Wright - Secretary

PTO Introductions for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

# **Reports:**

# Principal: Phil Johnson

- UPK program launched in the district and Windom is honored to house one of the classes of 18 students that Mrs. Filsinger is teaching
- About 1/3 of the UPK students in district are Windom students
- Mr. Johnson shared that he would love to see another section of UPK to be offered to reach even more of our district's young learners.
- Before and after school programs are anticipated to be reinstated in coming weeks, watch for more information coming home soon
- Food service is currently seating students at 3 feet distance, however as of new guidance students within 6 feet distance are subject to quarantine due to 'close contact' and therefore the layout for the cafeteria and student lunch placement will be altered
- As of Monday, September 20, 2021 students will be spread out in the cafeteria and into one half of the gym to spread out students to the 6 foot distance and limit the loss of in person instruction
- Guidance is ever-changing and WE are up for the challenge to keep our students and staff safe and healthy
- Hand sanitizer, mask mandates, and hygiene practices are helping to keep kids in school! Thank you to the work of teachers and families for keeping our students safe
- The kindergarteners have been celebrating color days each day this week and it has been so fun to watch the excitement and learning
- Open House was originally scheduled as an in-person event, however, due to COVID concerns it is being moved to a completely virtual event
- Teachers will be creating videos to share out

# PTO Correspondence: Lindsay Wright

- A great deal of mail was in the box and will be sorted
- DARE Thank you letter received

# Teacher: Sue Besecker

- Mr. Bond is wiling to help with the homecoming float should we decide to have one honoring Windom, however he is unavailable to help; Mrs. Lewandowski would also be willing to co-chair but is also unavailable the day of the event
- Thank you for the welcome back breakfast for staff, it was delicious and much appreciated

# PTO Treasurer: Joanne Juliano

- Reviewed current bank status
- We discussed the PTO supporting the purchase of rugs for classrooms: contributing a set amount
- 2 expenses reported
- \* expense report can be found at the end of the meeting minutes

# **PTO Event Updates**

# **Book Fair:**

- Still a 'go' for during the school day
- No evening event due to updated district protocols
- If families purchase online, we will earn free books rather than funds to be used for other events
  - $\circ$  Books earned will be used to support the Windom book vending machine
- There is a new e-wallet option for families
- Books being delivered to school on Monday, September 27, 2021
  - Book set up will be later afternoon/evening depending on when the bins arrive

# Welcome Back Breakfast:

Panara Bread Breakfast was a success: sorry there weren't enough cups and service items for everyone
Staff indicated all was well, and everyone appreciated the gesture

# **Bus Driver Breakfast:**

- Date TBD
- Dawn indicated that she will be the point person for this event
- We are looking at having donuts and coffee: Tim Horton's

#### **General Information:**

# **Membership Drive:**

- The membership drive is a rolling enrollment, and we are excited to have the support of our WE families
  - Membership supports events such as DARE, teacher wish list items, family event nights such as the Halloween event coming up soon!
  - Membership email blasts sent and also found on the Windom Facebook PTO page, and in the Virtual Backpack
  - A reminder will also be shared to update their membership toolkit

# **Picture Day:**

- Friday, September 24, 2021
- Dawn, Kathy, and other volunteers to help between 9:00 and 3:00

#### Volunteers:

- Masks must be worn
- Stay in your designated location and do not wonder the hallways, please, as this is for the safety of our students,
- Be able to complete the heath screener
- 3-4 Scholastic book fair volunteers throughout the day
- May need help for set-up for book fair

# **Upcoming/Current Events**:

# Halloween Dance:

- Inside will not be allowable due to COVID restrictions and contact tracing requirements at this time
  - Considered options for station activities
    - Pumpkin decorating, could Russ Gullo be a support
    - Scary stories under the stars (at dusk)
- Food truck options

# **Apparel Sale:**

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- Discussions ensued regarding having an apparel sale
  - Will look into local vendors for item and pricing options

#### Attendance:

• Brenna Ames

Jen Spoto

• Dawn Boryszah

Joanne Juliano

- Jonelle Smith
- Laura Haggerty
  - Lindsay Wright
  - Melissa Chandler

- Patti Filsinger
- Phil Johnson
- Rob Healy
- Sue Besecker

Our next meeting will be held: Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Please watch for details!

# Windom PTO Monthly Report Treasurer's Report- July/August 2021 9/16/21

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<b>F</b>	Total Income				
Expenses 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.	Fifth Grade Field Trip DARE		28.00		
	Total Expense	\$ 1,328.00			
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