

Toffolon Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017 | *Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm*

President's Report, Anke Behrends-Cooke

- There is a card to sign for Mrs. Ross's retirement
 - Welcome to all the new faces.
 - Remember to follow us on Facebook for updates.
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Principal's Remarks, Lynn Logoyke

- Things are going well at the start of school, including field trips
 - Next week, parents in 4th and 5th grade get test result letters from last year.
 - As a district we have some growing to do. Math isn't quite matching up with the test, but we are actively working on closing that gap.
 - Veteran's Day program will be on the 10th (since Veteran's day is on the weekend)
 - Working on replacing Mr. Pitcher in 2nd grade.
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Secretary Report, Erika Graff

- Minutes from last meeting available
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Treasurer Report, Krista Hagen – not present

- Report provided
 - Ice cream social brought in \$269.62
 - Karabin Farms, not usually a fundraiser brought in \$268
 - Kid Stuff books brought in \$1,712
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Teacher Representative – Mr. Silliman

- Haunted Hallway – in the upstairs this year (take the elevator up)
- Cardboard Challenge - November 22nd

- Monster Dash – October 28th
 - Over 115 participants this year so far.
 - Shirt order needs to go in ASAP
 - Looking for “monster” volunteers
- Student Council will help for the Fall Fair.

Board of Education Representative, Nicole Palmieri, not present

- Working with the state representatives due to the lack of budget. Mrs. Logoyke is proud of Plainville for how they are handling it thus far. Status quo and hopeful things will work out. May other towns are slashing many things.
- Pumpkin Fest – Oct 21st
- Vote on Nov 7th

Old Business

- Retirement of Mrs. Ross
 - Card and Tiger Pal gift
- School Safety Week – Oct 15th-Oct 21st
 - Bus drivers and crossing guards getting a cooler bag full of goodies
- Holiday Event – Friday, Dec 1st.
 - No food since always a lack of volunteers
 - DJ in the gym with music and games to keep kids engaged
- Fall Fair – Friday Nov 3rd 6-8pm
 - Haunted Hallway - \$3, all proceeds to Axel and Family
 - Raffle Baskets – flyers going out Monday to collect donations. Themes for grades.
 - *Pre-k/K - Disney / Superheroes*
 - *1 – Road Trip Adventure*
 - *2 – Sports Galore*
 - *3 - Star Wars*
 - *4 – Emoji / Minecraft*
 - *5 – Movie / Game night*

- Crafts
 - Pumpkin lanterns
 - Bead and yarn bracelets
 - Sand art in leaf jars
 - Sugar cookies
 - Goodie bags
 - Leaf Turkeys
 - Rock painting – Bring Your Own Rock (by Mr. Zaba)
- Spooky Selfie Station – in the gym, where the scavenger hunt will end. Looking for props and decorations to borrow!
- Food
 - Similar to last year, including prices
 - Corn dogs
 - Chili
 - Fritos
 - Drinks
- Scavenger Hunt Trick or Treat
 - With different clues than last year. “How well do you know Toffolon?”
- Volunteers
 - High school has been contacted because we need a lot of volunteers.
 - Mr. Silliman putting out sign up sheet for teachers to help

New Business

PTO Notes

- Good source of information for families

Scholastic

- Call put in to see if we have scholastic dollars to use for raffle baskets
- Book fair coming in time for Conferences and the Holiday Fair.

Yearbook

- Great preliminary meeting to “pass the torch” from Heather
- Anyone can submit photos of school events (must be school event)
- toffolonyearbook@plainvilleschools.org

Elizabeth Norton Grant

- Didn't receive this last year, but Mick Posner has volunteered to write the grant (and others!) in hopes to receive it this year.

Fundraisers

- Fall Fundraisers
 - KidStuff Book – done \$1,700 (roughly the same as last year).
 - Cherrydale
 - Usually makes around 4k
 - Just finishing up. Deadline extended until Monday, October 16th
- Ongoing Fundraisers
 - Scripts: gift card fundraiser. Percentage goes to the PTO.
 - Note: If you use with your bank account vs. credit card, more goes back to the PTO.
 - Box Tops: Parent volunteer from every room to collect/count and send back in.
 - \$2-3K earned each year
 - Ask everyone you know!

- Amazon Smile: smile.amazon.com, choose a charity (Louis Toffolon Elementary) and some money goes back to the school.
 - Textile Recycling: Bins are on side of the school (near cafeteria). Made \$124 already by donating 2,700lbs of textiles.
 - Grocery stores: Marcy Miller will assist with logging cards from certain stores. Some stores we have to renew, some cards will carry over.
- 5th grade Applebees Fundraiser Feb 25th

Budget

- Budget reviewed line by line by Anke
- If we have enough after this fall fundraiser, we may not need a spring fundraiser
- Looking for some people to help with “beautification” around the outside of the school, so budget has been added. Any volunteers?
- Motion to accept the budget: Mrs. Valentine
 - Second: Sarah Blake
 - In Favor: All
 - Accepted

Motion to adjourn: 7:55pm