

Toffolon Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017 | *Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm*

President's Report, Anke Behrends-Cooke

- Introductions
- Sent our 2-hour pledge sheet. Let us know how you'd like to help. If you prefer a straight donation that's welcome as well.

Principal's Remarks, Lynn Logoyke

- Open House on September 20th, half-day for school. Kids welcome.
- Picture day – Sept 25th
- Tigermart starts on Sept 29th
- Read statement read at Board of Ed meeting in honor of Mrs. Ross. We wish her all the best.
- Tiger pins handed out.
- Spirit sticks still being handed out!

Secretary Report, Erika Graff

- Secretary Report can be found online following each meeting and will be provided at the following.

Treasurer Report, Krista Hagen

- Discussion of report to include payments and deposits.
- Karabin Farms profited \$233, and this is not typically a fundraising type of event.
- Payments include: scholarships, PTO insurance, Box tops postage, staff breakfast, first day balloons, PTO snacks, Paper and supplies, Mr. Silliman baby gift, Gift Basket for Axel Sundberg
- Deposits include: parent donation, United Way, Trust Donation, Karabin Farms, Kidstuff books

Teacher Representative – Mrs. Fabrizio

- Thankful for breakfast

Board of Education Representative, Nicole Palmieri, not present

- Read by Anke: First meeting was Monday, listening to budget in Hartford to determine what it may mean for Plainville. Kids are the top priority. She will keep us posted.

Old Business

- Toffolon PTO Facebook Page – Like the page for updates.
- Email: toffolonpto@plainvilleschools.org
- First Day of School Decorating occurred

- Teacher/Staff welcome back breakfast on 9/5

- Open House / Ice Cream social on 9/20
 - \$1 ice cream, need volunteers in kitchen to help scoop/serve. Sign up sheet will be provided to others.

- Karabin Farms Apple Picking – 9/16 (9/17 raindate) – 62 families going (record!)
- Our friend, Axel Sundberg - Fundraising dinner October 14th.
 - PTO may do a dinner in the spring

New Business

Mrs. Ross Retirement

- After 25 years retiring. Thinking of a gift to provide for her.
 - Stuffed tiger
 - She loves sewing/quilting/embroidering/etc.

Events

- Fall Fair – Friday Nov 3rd
 - Separate meeting at the end of September at some point.
 - Things like: Raffle baskets, food, crafts, games, scavenger hunt, haunted basement/hallway (checking with the teachers), treat bag decorating

- Costumes welcome
- Perhaps do a sand art project to use up the sand in the PTO shed
- Typically \$5 per child (parents no fee) – covers most activities except hallway, raffles and food
- Raffles need to be decided. Each grade is given a theme to bring things in.
- New ideas
 - Camping/backyard fun
 - Giftcards
 - Minecraft/lego
 - Staycation (games and movies)
 - Playdoh
 - Superhero
- School Safety Week – Oct 15th-Oct 21st
 - Bus drivers and crossing guards get a gift card and/or cooler bag or other small gift.
- Holiday Event
 - Thinking of what to do for the event.
 - Sell greens
 - Do we hold a dance, food, etc?
 - Student Council does can collection, bake sale, hot cocoa.
 - Need a new Santa. Mrs. Fabrizio will check it out.
 - Likely December 1st.
- Monster Run

- At Toffolon and MSP
- Kids can dress in costume if they want. “Monsters” will chase and grab flag football flags from them.
- PTO will donate \$90 for the runner numbers. Other schools also chipping in for things.
- Color Run
 - Spring – April 28th

Fundraisers

- Fall Fundraisers
 - KidStuff Book - just getting started.
 - Cherrydale
 - Usually makes around 4k
 - Next up
- 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: Our near bins in the side of the school (near café). 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.

Next Meeting

October 12, 2017

Motion to adjourn: 7:49pm