



JOHN PATERSON PTO

MINUTES 9/6/2022

Present: Denise Savignano, Dom Sanzari, Emily Woods, Gina Duensing, Jen Rodriguez, Katelyn Zea, Liz Zawadzki, Michael Gaydos, Monica Lagana, Sandy Snaden, Susan Hilerio, Rebecca Rivera, Leanne Silver, Yana L., Amy Freiman, Amanda Grabowski, Andrea Obert-Hahn, Amy Hayes, Jessica, Allison Eisenman, Dorota Ross, Katia Dansereau, Nicole Giliberto,

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

Principal Update – (Mike Gaydos)

- New parking lot is the biggest change so far
- Calendar – Teacher Tuesday coming up.
- Delayed 5 minutes for early release
- Open house Thursday September 22nd in person
 - Potential PTO table?
- First whole school Family Meeting happened today, September 6th since 2020
- Largest elementary school in town by a margin of 50 students
- Added 8 new certified staff members
- Staff is pulling together funds for the family that was affected by the fire.
- Equity is going to be a large focus of educational practice this year. Will be discussed more at open house.

Fundraisers

- Charleston Wrap – starting this week. Packets went home today.
- Ice Cream social? Potentially having it outside?
 - Maybe tag team the book fair with the ice cream social?
- Fall Family Photo – October 15-16
- Book fair October 18-21
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Board Positions

- Looking for new people to join the board
- Need someone for the treasurer position

New ideas for the year to come

- Membership dues at some point.
 - \$15 per family
 - Go towards funding for events
 - Enrichment events will be coming back
 - If help is needed with the turkey visit, Jill Hinton said she would assist.

- Is spirit wear in the works?
 - Denise reached out to Dave from Green-O
 - Looking to add a few items to the supply
 - Find a way to get each child a Paterson Pride shirt
 - Will need to touch base with Jamie and see what our budget is and a standard for each year
 - Denise to look into seeing if there are more times through the year to order spirit wear.
- Flyers will go out by the end of the week for the fall family photos, book fair, and ice cream social.

Meeting adjourned 7:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hilerio

Susan Hilerio - John Paterson PTO Secretary