



## MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

### 1.0 PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

**1.1 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. The secretary informed everyone that the meeting would be recorded.

**1.2 Welcome & Introductions:** We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves...

**1.3 Accept Minutes and Agenda:** The minutes from the last meeting (May 2018) have not been completed yet.

### 2.0 REPORTS

**2.1 Principal's report** (Malinda Lansfeldt) –

We have quite a few new families and quite a few new teachers this year. She reviewed some of the teacher changes. We heard a lot of positive responses from Ready Set Go. The fifth grade classrooms and the art room were upgraded over the summer. Next summer the rest of that hallway, the staff lounge and third/fourth grade hallway will be upgraded. The following summer the Kindergarten, first and second grade hallway will be upgraded. Staffing has increased across the district. We have a “green room” set up to handle behavior problems. School board elections are coming up—there are four open seats. We are collecting donations for the Weiss family.

**2.2 Directory Update** (AB) - Ashley discussed an online directory option called MySchoolAnywhere to replace the hard-copy directory. **A motion was made and seconded to pursue this rapidly, looking into terms and conditions.** There would be a \$450 charge. There was some discussion about liability issues in case it gets into the wrong hands. It would be a voluntary choice for families to opt in. This is the same outfit that JJ looked into to use in conjunction with the web site. Some of the features were discussed. The motion was passed.

**2.3a Teacher's report** ( ) – It's been wonderful. The staff is amazing. The parents are supportive. I feel like I've won the lottery.

**2.3b Art to Remember** (AB) – Ashley explained how Art to Remember works. Order forms will arrive Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**2.4 What do we do?** – Melissa walked through some of the things the PTA does or has done in the past to inform new PTA members at this first meeting. She listed items that we pay for and other items were listed by other members: Cooler in the staff lounge. Veterans Day Assembly video streaming. I Love to Read night. Maintenance of the ice rink and warming house. Funding to bring in Jeff Dayton to visit the fifth-grade class. Replace library books. Science Fair. Pizza Dinner. A-L Theatre. Staff recognition. Scholarship Fund. Legionville Camp. Two teacher luncheons during conference week. Carnival. Silent Auction. Glo-Dash. Family Skate Night. Yearbook. Library make-over. Smartboards in classrooms. Book Fairs.

### 3.0 ITEMS/EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

**3.1 Open House Recap** – This was already discussed somewhat earlier.

**3.2 Spirit Wear (MW)** – There was some discussion about shipping fees. The current \$5 fee is too low. Kari Kull-Heng offered to meet with the Spirit Wear team to work out a solution.

**3.3 Assistant to Weiss Family (MW)** – There was some discussion about whether we can offer some assistance as a PTA. There was some discussion with Allison Puhmann about whether we could do something with Oak-Land as a team. **A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to the Weiss family via a Visa card.** The motion was passed.

**3.4 Proposal to cancel the savings account (MW)** – The savings account doesn't make much interest. She suggested cancelling the savings account. There are fees. Meeting attendee, Matt Schewe offered to consult with the board if they were interested in changing from USBank to Royal Credit Union.

**3.5 Box Tops (MP)** – Meaghan will continue with the ice cream scoops theme again this year. She will continue the two-month collection schedule. The goal is \$2500.

**3.6 Cans for Kids (MK)** – There was some discussion about the program. Please do not deposit junk in the trailer. We drop off four times a year and make between \$300 and \$400 per drop off. It was noted that we made about \$1300 from this fund-raiser.

**3.7 Family Dance (SV-W)** – This year will be a Renaissance theme. There was some discussion about the BBQ and a vegetarian option. There was discussion about providing cotton candy. There was discussion about fees for the dance compared to this event being free in the past. There was discussion about profits going to the playground project. There was discussion about fund-raising in general. There was some discussion about setting a line item in the budget for the playground project. There was some discussion about setting up a "donation to the playground" table. We don't get the DJ free this year, but it is cheaper (\$100) than the previous DJ.

**3.8a Playground Project Design-Build (MK)** – This will be a two-phase project. There was an explanation of the project so far. The committee is being split into two committees (1) design-build (MK volunteered to head this committee), and (2) fundraising (Kari Kull-Heng volunteered to head this committee). The design board has not been officially approved. This was drawn up by Northland Recreation as a proposal and for something to show off the project at the Open House. She stressed that this is not a *re-do* project, but an *update*, project.

**3.8b Playground Project Fundraising (KK-H)** – There was some discussion on how much to allocate in the budget for the playground. It was suggested that we could specify an amount that the PTA will allocate as a "kick-start" to the project which could be used as a marketing method to solicit funds from other sources. There was some discussion about "how much money do we have to spend"... The point was made that we have \$66k in our accounts and our budget is \$69k for this year. The money we made last year pays for our expense budget this year. The money we make this year will pay for expenses next year. **A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$12k from the general fund to the playground project.** It was suggested that the profits from "Let's Eat Out" events go toward the playground project. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allocate profits from the Shoe Drive (\$366) and profits from "Let's Eat Out" events to the Playground Project.**

**3.9 Let's Eat Out (KW)** – Café Zupas is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will donate up to 25% of profits to A-L PTA.

**3.10 Web site** (JJ, DS) – We are working on options to make the web site easier to update. JJ has updated the current web site with a new theme and some new links. She also is experimenting with a “Wordpress” version on the web site.

**3.11 Yearbook** (MK) – MK will run the yearbook again this year. If you have pictures or quotes, send them to me. Let me know the grade and class.

## **4.0 COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**4.1 District Meeting** - A community member asked that this notice be presented at the PTA meeting tonight: There will be a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss options to handle growth in the southern part of the district. The meeting will be at 6pm at Stillwater City Hall. The meeting will also be broadcast on-line.

**4.2 Upcoming School Board Elections** – Please inform yourselves about the upcoming election.

## **5.0 FINAL ITEMS**

**5.1 Drawings for first PTA meeting** (MW) – Attendance at first meeting: Winner was Cassie Wipperfurth. Poster to facebook page: Winner was Rachel Talcott.

**5.2 Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

**Attendees (23 – more or less – plus some children!):** Dean Stynsberg, Jessie Johnson, Karen Wasmundt, Morgan Pink, Beth Ann Sobiech, Ann Hansen (teacher), Emily Wellman, Christa Sobiech, Heidi Adam, Amber Williams, Kristen Winegar, Erin Smillie, Ashley Bradbury, Matt Schewe, Rachel Housler, Cassie Wipperfurth, Kari Kull-Heng, Lesley Berry, Becca Hall, Tracy Kempenich (teacher), Shannon VonWald-Ramirez, Meaghan Paczosa, Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau, Mary Kristensen

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**Next meeting** – October 8, 2018, 6:30pm

***Respectfully submitted by Dean Stynsberg, Afton-Lakeland PTA Secretary***