

WALNUT GROVE
ELEMENTARY



General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18th, 2022
9:30am

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes from General PTO Meeting Sept. 13th
 - a. Motion to approve made by Jenny Fisher, seconded by Nikita Asavito, Motion unanimously approved.
- III. Principal's Report
 - a. Thank you to Fun Fest Team!
 - b. Dad's club event was a great success with the varsity baseball coach!
 - c. The Office Team was able to enjoy spending time with Fall Fun Fest auction winners at EVO.
 - d. Window has closed to sign up in advance to attend the book parade. Veteran's Day advance sign up is still open. Window will soon open for Donuts with Dads advance badges.
 - e. Principals met last night to discuss math performance at state level.
 - f. Superintendent will be here to visit with teachers tomorrow.
 - g. Books have been scanned and class libraries are available to view. Thank you to everyone who helped scan books.
 - h. Mystery readers will read a preselected book by your child's teacher.
- IV. Officers Reports
 - A. President---- Corie Brown
 - i. First Day Forms- One final push is being done to have people complete first day forms. Forms for current students will officially close on October 28th.
 - ii. Family Fun Fest- thank you so much to our coordinators Elizabeth Wall and Betsey Preston, volunteers and sponsors. This event was such a huge success.
 - iii. 1st Grade Field Trip to UNT was amazing!
 - iv. Kindergarten is going to the Arboretum this Thursday and field trip shirts will go home Wednesday.

- v. Sheri Dudley and Dana Gamache will be retiring. A party will be held in the library on Dec. 6th for anyone who like to help celebrate. PTO will supply cake, cookies and flowers. A gift will be supplied by WGES. Party will begin around 3/3:15.
 - vi. Book Fair is coming up. The book preview is this Friday from 3:30-5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for the preview and the week of the fair. Check out the weekly Smore for information to sign up to volunteer. We are no longer using Scholastic for the book fair and have moved to a new company.
 - vii. Laminator was picked up last Friday. It is in the process of being fixed.
 - viii. We are looking for help from dads to assist with the car line during morning drop off. A sign-up genius for Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of great students) will be sent out shortly. There is an opportunity for four dads to sign up each day.
 - ix. Family Sponsor signs are available to pick up if you purchased one via the first day form. Contact Corie to have your sign dropped off or left in the front office.
 - x. PTO shirts for those who ordered on the first day forms are in.
- B. Treasurer---- Erin Jewel
- i. Financial Update/Budget updates
 - a. P&L, Balance Sheet, monthly expenses and income were reviewed.
 - b. Spirit shop is doing a great job! The online shop is open.
 - c. Sales tax form is due this week.
 - d. Yearbooks have been prepaid so we were able to get a 5% discount applied.
 - e. Checks have been cut for Homeroom Mom funds. Checks include birthday, end of year and winter holiday gift.
 - f. Mr. B is interested in a veteran's day backdrop and some items for that program. Please send an itemized request for Exec Board to consider for approval.
- C. VP Fundraising----Val Patel
- i. Family Fun Fest- Thank you to our sponsors! We raised \$5,250 from sponsorships!
 - ii. Val is looking into upcoming spirit nights with various restaurants, Buff City Soaps, and holiday shopping opportunities.

- D. VP Volunteers----Tara Britton
 - i. Classroom Volunteer Updates- Party moms are needed for Parsley, Schnacke, and Roy.
- E. VP Community ---- Erica Willis
 - i. 1st Grade Operation Kindness is happening now for the Humane Society. Items are due this Friday. A drawing to have a chance to win lunch with Mrs. Gamache and Hux will be available for those who participate.
 - ii. Upcoming Events
 - a. Thankful Thursday- ever staff member will receive a \$20 grocery gift card and a little bundt cake on November 17th.
 - b. We will ask parents to donated the gift cards. Bus drivers, café, and all staff will receive the gifts.
- F. VP Communications---- Bryanna Roop
 - i. Communication update
 - a. Our PTO website has a calendar of events. PTO minutes are posted as well.
 - b. Red Ribbon Week is next week. Each day has a theme.
 - c. Dad's Club is Nov 4th
 - d. November 8th is make-up picture day.
 - e. A 3rd Grade program and a Veteran's Day program are coming up second week of November.
 - f. Yearbook sales will begin this week. Please submit your memorable messages. Memorable messages will close Dec. 16. Sales will reopen later in the year, but memorable messages will be closed.
- G. Advisor's Report---- Danielle Gibson
 - i. Site based requests- see print out
 - a. We need 3 water bottle filters
 - b. Mrs. Whitfill is asking for 5 sets of K'netix and 1 Keto Plank set
 - c. Motion to approve \$1009.90 made by Amanda Orr, seconded by Jenny Fisher and motion unanimously approved.
 - ii. Tara has donated soccer goals for the grass field.
- H. President Elect---- Wendy Home
 - i. Volunteers of the month-Betsey Preston and Elizabeth Wall for Fun Fest
- I. Secretary---- Jessica Tyler

- i. Thank You's- SPED Team and Admin Team
- J. New and Unfinished Business
 - a. Its National Principal's Month- thank you Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Mobh for everything that you do!
 - b. Amanda Orr will be heading up the staff Target Gift Card Program.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.