

General Meeting Notes
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
9:30am

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order by Corie Brown at 9:32 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes from General PTO meeting May 17th
  - a. Motion to approve August 24th minutes by Virginia Hinkle
  - b. Seconded by Ileana Lutkenhaus
  - c. Motion approved
- III. Principal's Report
  - a. Dr. Calvin welcomed new dragon families.
  - b. Kinder enrollment numbers are down
    - i. Only five Kinder classes this year
  - c. Staff changes
    - i. Hilton moved to 1st grade team
    - ii. Amy Bronson joined  $2^{nd}$  grade team
    - iii. Michelle Schnacke joined 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team
    - iv. Erin Cox joined 4th grade team
    - v. Coach Hall joined from CMS
    - vi. Danielle Gibson joined as Low Impact Coach
    - vii. Cathy Ammerman joined as Campus Secretary
    - viii. Marcella Vega joined as Dr. Calvin's Assistant
      - ix. New Resource Teacher was hired
      - x. Heather Southerland joined as Diagnostician
- IV. Officers Reports
  - a. President---- Corie Brown
    - i. First day form link available at wgespto.com
    - ii. PTO membership sponsor signs have been ordered and will be distributed shortly
    - iii. PTO membership shirts are being ordered for purchase
    - iv. Upcoming PTO Events-

- 1. Fall Fun Fest will be held Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm and will include a cardboard box challenge headed by Mrs. Timmerman. The goal is to make creative games using cardboard boxes. The winner will be presented/displayed at Family Fun Fest.
- 2. Homecoming Parade will be Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at Southlake Town Square. A wufoo signup form will be available. The first 25 entries to purchase a ticket will walk in the parade with Dr. Calvin.
- v. Troy Cummings is an approved speaker with the district. Mr. Cummings writes graphic novels and chapter books. He will be hired as a guest speaker this year. We are seeking approval to raise the budget to spend up to \$3,000 for his visit.
  - 1. Motion to approve made by Bryanna Roop
  - 2. Seconded by Jamie Fisher
  - 3. Motion approved
- vi. Landscaping for the front flower beds
  - Wendy Home discussed beautification and landscaping of 3 areas. Project would include stones and a variety of plants, flowers and soil.
    - a. Motion to approve \$6,850 expense made by Ankitha Mekala
    - b. Seconded by Carol Bell
    - c. Motion approved
- vii. New café projector technology has been paid for. We are waiting for installation.
- viii. Kinder playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed.
- ix. Spirit Shop community sale was a huge success. Thank you to our wonderful Spirit Shop team!
- b. Treasurer---- Erin Jewel
  - i. Financial Update/Budget updates
    - 1. Expenses from May-July 1 were reviewed
    - 2. This fiscal year begins July 1. Transactions were reviewed.
    - 3. Main source of income this period came from spirit shop
    - 4. Largest expenses are for subscription renewals

- c. VP Fundraising----Val Patel
  - i. Sign up with Kroger, Tom Thumb, Amazon and Shutterfly. Shutterfly will donate back 8% of purchases. Go to wgespto.com and click sponsorships for more information. Family members and friends are able to sign up.
  - ii. Family Fun Fest- we are looking for sponsors at the platinum and gold levels. Reach out to Val if interested.
  - iii. Corporate match-check your company to see if they offer matching
  - iv. Spirit nights-there will be multiple this year (Chipotle, Mooyah, Tazikis) more info to come via PTO website and Facebook page
- d. VP Volunteers----Tara Britton
  - i. Grade level coordinators are:
    - 1. Ileana Lutkenhaus/Aekta Amin-kinder
    - 2. Ankitha Mekala/Meredith Lippe 1st
    - 3. Kristle Wachtler 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 4. Nikita Mehta-3<sup>rd</sup>
    - 5. Lidia Laso Martin-4th grade
  - ii. Homeroom parents are needed for Taylor, Cooper, Simpson, Green, Parsley, Schnake, Cox, and Roy
- e. VP Community ---- Erica Willis
  - i. Every grade will participate in a community project to give back. Biggest event is multicultural night. This event takes place in the gym and cafeteria. There are opportunities to taste foods, learn, and experience cultures. Event will take place in January. More info to come.
- f. VP Communications---- Bryanna Roop
  - i. Visit the PTO website to subscribe to our calendar
  - ii. Also, subscribe via your phone by visiting the PTO home page. Below calendar, click subscribe. Do not click "add all events." Links to purchase tickets will be available to click on through the calendar throughout the year.
  - iii. PTO website contains a multitude of information, links to forms, tax info, Carroll ISD links, teacher favorites and much more
- g. Advisor's Report---- Danielle Gibson

- Mrs. Gibson is the new Low Impact PE coach. As the immediate, past president, she will handle teacher requests and help fulfill classroom needs
- h. President Elect---- Wendy Home
  - Parents can have lunch with kiddos beginning next week.
     Lunch will be outside of the cafeteria with just your child.
     Please do not share food with other kiddos.
  - ii. Dr. Calvin noted that you must have a badge on to walk through the building, volunteer or have lunch with your children. All parents must enter through the front main entrance of the building.
  - iii. Lunch times
    - 1. 10:25-10:55 Kinder
    - 2. 11:00-11:30 First
    - 3. 12:10-12:40 Second
    - 4. 11:35-12:05 Third
    - 5. 12:45-1:15 Fourth
  - iv. A sign-up genius will be provided by the district in September to volunteer to help in the cafeteria.
- i. Secretary---- Jessica Tyler
  - i. Thank You's were received from the Kinder and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams.
- V. New and Unfinished Business
  - a. Dr. Calvin noted that safety is being taken very seriously. Carroll ISD has SROs at every school. We are fortunate to have Officer Kim at our campus. There will be only one entry point for the school through the front main entrance to make the campus as safe as possible.
  - b. Smart watches are allowed but will need to be placed in your child's backpack during the school day.
  - c. WGES lanyards will not need to be worn except during library time and lunch periods.
  - d. Join us Friday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first dad's club event. Mayor Hoffman will be our guest speaker.
- VI. The PTO meeting adjourned at 10:15