

Orange Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes - Jan. 8th, 2025

In Person and Zoom

All welcomed by President Karen at 6:01pm. Reviewed emergency exits.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Secretary's report for September was posted on our Facebook page and hard copies are available at the meeting, reviewed and accepted. Motion passed.

1st Jessica Archambault, 2nd Amber Dupell

The Treasurer's report was posted on our Facebook page, reviewed and accepted. Motion passed. 1st Jessica Archambault, 2nd Brigitte Richards

Checking Account -\$19,241.70

PayPal Account - \$3,999.49

Savings Account - \$14,504.77

Total PTO Funds = \$37,745.96

FISHER HILL SCHOOL NEWS:

Right before Winter Break, a new program was implemented – the sixth grade Ambassadors program. These ten students have started by working at Penguin Patch, in Ms.Murray's room helping with ST Math challenges, and in 1st grade as science helpers. These are students that, without fail, make good role models and are good citizens; they hope to help the PTO more, too. 4th and 2nd grades are getting back into everything and have benchmarks coming up. 3rd grade is also prepping for testing. They also are part of a penpal program writing friendly letters with 3rd graders in Texas. Kindergarten has been having indoor recess.

Jan. 15th is a half day, with a 11:30am dismissal and lunch will be served. No PM preK.

No school Jan. 20th in observance of MLK Jr's birthday.

After school program has started and will continue until March 14th.

Playful Engineers program is coming to Fisher Hill on - Jan 22-24.

Literacy Glow Night - Thurs. Feb. 27th at 5pm with pasta supper. The Book Fair that week as well.

All classrooms could use donations of tissues, paper towels, sanitizer, disinfecting wipes etc.

Friendly reminder from the Kitchen – remind your kiddos that, “sharing is caring EXCEPT in the cafeteria”. Sharing food is not allowed.

Vacation reading BINGO through Title 1 – due Monday for a book prize.

FUNDS REQUESTS:

Request for \$500 for deposit for Grade 6 Trip to High Meadow Resort in Granby, CT - mini golf, swimming, alpine rock climbing wall, all you can eat food. Choosing to go on the Grades 4-6 day. Thurs. May 29th. \$500 deposit is needed for Grade 6 to sign the contract etc. Schools only that day. Flat fee - food included, no monies needed. Students need a bathing suit and towel – that's it. \$57.99/person. Students will help with events, in classrooms, and around the school; giving back as citizens in communities etc. Motion passed.

1st Brigitte Richards, 2nd Amber Dupell

Request for \$300 for Salsa Class on Jan. 14th - one hour instruction \$200, \$100 travel fee – Ms.Lee art teacher – BRING THE ARTS TO SCHOOL; Motion passed.

1st John Eaton, 2nd Amber Dupell (4 online)

Request for \$1,780 for Art at School - Rhythm West Africa on May 22nd. All school K-6, 2 different assemblies. Utilize 2nd grade field trip money. Motion passed.

1st Sherry Anderson, 2nd Amber Dupell

OLD BUSINESS:

We didn't get the donations we anticipated for the calendar cards. Motion to amend \$500 to \$1,100 from May vote. Motion passed.

1st Sherry Anderson, 2nd Amber Dupell

NEW BUSINESS:

Glow Night - Feb. 27 Pasta Dinner, 5pm. More information coming.

MCM fundraiser coming - March 10-24 with delivery April 16th (the Wed. before Easter).

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and voted by all at 6:39pm.

1st John Eaton, 2nd Amber Dupell

Our next meeting is March 12th at 6pm. Thank you for your support - we hope to see you then!