

## Pinehurst PTA April Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

6-6:50 pm

Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance

Intro of those present

Approved minutes from last meeting

Mrs. Makowski's Update:

NYS assessments for Grade 3-5 are complete. Field test ELA for grade 4 to be done soon. Art Show next Wednesday 5/22. Seniors walk through is next Thursday 5/23. Retirement season, 2 teachers and one cafeteria employee. Next construction phase is 2 years from now, hallway next to library and bus area. School supply lists will be posted in June. Summer school will happen in one school for all 4 elementary schools. Placement letters will go home in August. K orientation will be 8/27 at 9-10:30am and its also the first day teachers can come in.

Question: PreK (UPK) can there be more communication or an orientation for the 4 years old? It's funded differently, only been here for 3 years and its separate from other grades. Could UPK have an orientation like K gets one, could it be combined?

Mrs. Kolacki Update:

Thanks for the teacher appreciation lunch and for today's luncheon. Also, thanks for grant money for t-shirts.

PTA Updates:

Me & My Guy dance - 215 girls attended, every year it gets bigger and bigger. New DJ, all positive feedback, "best one ever". Refreshments were moved into cafeteria. Selfie stations were great too.

Teacher Appreciation Week – Happy to do this for the teachers, Poppyseed made good food. New signs for the week.

District Luncheon for Senior Scholarships was today. Invited Mrs. Makowski, Mrs. Kolacki and Mrs. Daley were also guests.

Teacher Grade Grants – Music grant was approved last meeting along with Grade 5 ice cream. Still needing submissions is Grade 5 graduation items, Speech, PT/OT, Counselor, Social Worker. May need another reminder. Have until the end of the school year to submit.

Treasurer Updates – 2 budget lines to discuss. Kinder playdate and Welcome Back Picnic. We are under budget and raised a lot during Color Run so we are in great standing. Wanting to increase Kinder playdate budget amount. From \$300-\$400. Snacks, goodie bag, play at playground, craft. Opportunity to meet other kids and parents. Coordinate for right after orientation. We set up a table for opportunity to join PTA. Motion to increase budget line – approved. Welcome Back Picnic - \$1500, only used \$836. Used excess for other events. Keeping it at \$1500 for next budget – approved.

#### Planned Schedule for 2024-2025 PTA Events (draft):

Flyer handed out at meeting all tentative dates are listed. To be added is UPK in addition to Kinder playdate on 8/27. Adding a mini book fair so that we can continue doing the 2 large book fairs in fall & spring. Will be held at the Welcome Back Picnic on 9/20. First Association Meeting last year conflicted with teacher night at middle school. It's scheduled later than it was last year, 9/25, but we can adjust dates if needed for this or other conflicts. School picture day is 9/27. Fall fundraiser 9/25-10/4 this year will again be the Color Run; it was so well received and a big financial success. October 4<sup>th</sup> is a week earlier than last year in hopes for good weather. Last year's run cost \$30 to participate and get the t-shirt. Higher fundraising extra goodies were given (color packets, sunglasses, etc.). Our goal was to raise \$8000; we need that to function. Want to do fundraisers that people enjoy, don't want ideas get stale. The activity involved participants (family members could join too with certain fundraising amount met) which is extra exciting for students vs. selling wrapping paper. Fundraiser is just once per year and it's done in the beginning of year so it funds the rest of the year. Could potentially be done at end of year if interest in the future. Trunk or Treat (10/25) could be TBD due to Homecoming. Next Association meeting 11/6. Fall book fair 11/6-11/15. Picture re-take day 11/7. 11/8 Family book fair night. Winter Fun Festival 12/6, which is a half day. Turnout was huge last year; half day doesn't deter family's participation. Adding a January Association meeting on 1/15. PARP week 2/3-2/7 with Parp book bingo family night 2/7. 2/25 Association meeting. 3/14 Sons, Snakes & Sidekicks (or another name). Spring book fair 3/26-4/3. Easter is much later this year so it will happen before Easter. Book Fair Family Night 4/4. 4/9 Association Meeting. Me & My Guy dance 5/2. 5/9 Teacher Appreciation Lunch. 5/14 final Association meeting. Motion to approve the calendar dates – approved.

A huge thank you to Laura Collins for all her dedication and being a voice of reason. The countless events she's helped plan and deliver, Book Fair extraordinaire and all the advice and insight she given to the different boards and leaderships over the years. She's a gem and will truly be missed!

Meeting wrapped at 6:50 pm

#### Members in attendance:

Shannon Winters

Nicole Bonczar

Marla Wright

Tammy Prior

Amanda Manassa

Linda Penepent

Jen Makowski

Devin Kelly

Hilary Hacic

Liz Russin

Jennifer Prunoske

Laura Collins

Laura Lewis

Online:

Nikera Kolacki

Liz Daley

Tiffany Rukavina