

RR PTO
Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2023 @ 6pm

Members in attendance:

President: Melissa Gillette

Secretary: Britney Sprute

Treasurer: Veronica Holden

Donations coordinator: Desirae Kelly

Principal: Mrs. Bailey

Carnival: June 2nd.

Donations- Desirae is working on collecting donations, is anticipating 10-12 baskets this year again. Would like to have a good range of prizes. Melissa gave Desirae updated copies of the fundraising letter, and we will also make a flyer to ask parents that own businesses or work at businesses for donations.

Food- Texas Road House food truck will be doing all food and water for the evening. Emily will get us an updated price list soon. The PTO will sell Gatorade and popcorn.

Prizes- Melissa and Vern will check what prizes we have left in shed. Vern has already started purchasing prizes, we will be sticking to fidget type prizes and small tactile items again. Vern stated we need to double our prizes from last year, as we began to run out last year. Ordering small and large prizes, for each game.

Games- Games need to be evaluated to see which to use this year. Games have been updated in the last few years, so all should be in good, working order. We will need to double check the signage to make sure signs match games, and each game has name sign as well as instruction sign. We will need to purchase additional sand art containers this year, the small size went very quickly last year. Necklaces and bracelets were a huge hit. Vern will look into ordering.

Inflatables- Melissa will reach out to Cloud 9 inflatables to see if the inflatables we used last year are available, including: Shark slide, obstacle course, bouncy house. We will need to reevaluate the set up for the inflatables, as they no longer fit under the trees. Maybe pull out in front of trees and use caution tape to ensure no one is behind the inflatables. Melissa will bring quote to March meeting.

Volunteers- We will need to reach out to Alisha Tenbus and Britt Lendhart for High School Volunteers. We will need parents to sign up as well or will need to have less games.

Regular Meeting Business:

Old Business:

- Talent Show was a great night. There were less performers this year, but still a great show. Thank you to Mrs. Proulx, Mrs. Janeski, and Mrs. McGrain. Gift Cards and thank you notes were purchased and given to the teachers for assisting.
- The School Store is doing huge sales every week. Mrs. Tremaine and Mrs. Wilson have been working the store every week, and sales are typically between \$50-\$100. Veronica will purchase additional supplies.
- Our One School, One Book culminating event is this Friday, February 10th. The PTO purchased items for the STEM Rotations, and it is sure to be a fun day.
- 4th grade will be putting on Zombies: The Musical on 3/9 & 3/10 at 7pm both days. The PTO will purchase flower presentation bouquets to present to Mrs. McGrain and Mrs. Proulx, along with a \$15 gift card.
- Highschool Swim will be on Friday, February 10th and we have quite a few RSVPs so far. We anticipate a large turnout and will be collecting books to donate to the Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley. We will collect books throughout the week as well, with donation over February break. Melissa will be confirming number of Lifeguards with Jared Zembek, where our numbers are so high.

New Business:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade is in the process of being planned. Melissa will talk to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Searles, and Ms. Mofte to see if they are interested in being the coordinators for the float. Parents will be asked to walk with their children this year, at least one adult for their family. PTO will purchase additional candy to pass out, asking parents for donations as well, to be sent into school by Friday, so the PTO purchases enough. Melissa has asked the same parent to drive the float, that did last year, parent has agreed.
- Melissa and Vern are meeting with a Ridge Road parent, who also serves as a recruitment officer for the National Guard. Melissa is concerned with our lack of parents involved with the PTO, Vern and Desirae agreed that we need more help. The recruitment officer has agreed to give us insight on how she is successful in recruiting people, to see what strategies we can employ to grow our numbers, as since COVID, our numbers have dwindled.
- Square 1 Art will have a new timeline, as Mr. Hamula is unable to have students complete by February 15th. The new timeline will be March 15th, with ordering through April 21st.
- Spring Picture Day is around the corner, Brittney will be assisting, and Melissa will secure a second parent to assist, on March 7th.
- Kindergarten Cap and Gowns are coming up, Veronica would like to assist, on April 12th, and Melissa will get a 2nd parent to assist.
- Gertrude Hawk sale begins this Friday, February 10th, and will run through the 27th, with late orders accepted until drop off on March 1st. This is our only fundraiser this year, so we are hoping for a good turnout. Veronica is concerned with inflation that we need to add an additional fundraiser next fall, all agreed to look into this.
- Field Day is June 15th, and Melissa has already made contact with Jeff from BSN Sports, in regard to ordering. T-shirt prices have raised this year, to \$6 a shirt. We will order in time to return by June 1st. We will also be asking parents for the \$6, with the understanding that the PTO will cover any student unable to purchase a shirt, as well as asking parents if they would like to sponsor a shirt for another student. Last year we broke even, with the help of parent sponsors, so we are hoping for the same this year.
- Melissa, Brittney, and Desirae went to the District PTO meeting last night. The PTOs will be working on a joint 4th Grade event, to bring the students together before they get to Intermediate School. Melissa is working on shirts for this as well, through our same contact. The PTO will need to come up with 2 activities for 4 stations, as well as 10 parent helpers for the day. More information to follow!

Spring pictures: 3/7

Kindergarten cap and gown pictures: 4/12

Gertrude Hawk: 2/10-2/27

February Break: 2/20-2/24

Spring Break: 4/3-4/7

1st Grade Concert: 2/10

Family Swim Night: 2/10

4th Grade Play: 3/9 & 3/10

Next PTO Meeting: March 15, 2023 @ 6pm