

Stoner Prairie Elementary-Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

9 people in attendance

Welcome

Meeting began at 6:05pm

Principal Updates

- Teacher assignments plan to be ready Friday, August 4. Teachers will reach out with a phone call within the next few weeks to connect and invite families to the Back to School night along with a school reach email. Trying to make a personal connection and encourage families to attend August 30 and if that night doesn't work alternative accommodations can be made.
- Water bottles have been purchased for all students and will be in their classrooms on August 30. There will be a scavenger hunt during August 30
- A few changes include Ms. Tate moving to 5th grade replacing a 5th grade teacher. New 4th grade teacher coming from Minnesota and additional long term subs for Ms. Gratz (4th) and Ms. Roetker (K) on leave.
- We have a new social worker and school psychologist. We might have a nursing assistant. Decision is not final yet.

The office construction and new entryway looks bright and inviting. Mary will take some photos to share with families before they return to school. The old office space will be used as a longer term waiting area and Family Resource space. The mural in the entry hallway had to be painted over because portions of it were damaged in construction. Mary has an idea to have a photographer at Back to School Night taking family photos and will have those printed and framed to hang up on the wall where the mural was. They will be returned to students at the end of the year.

New Business

Back to School Event Updates

Kindergarten & New Family Playdates- Megan D. has been in contact with the Kindergarten teachers. She reported that 2 teachers plan to attend the Stoner Prairie playground playdate on August 18 and 1 teacher is coming to the Belmar Hills playdate on August 27. PTO representation will be at each playdate to welcome families Megan, Ashley and Lauren volunteered to attend August 18 and Julia will be at the August 27.

Staff Breakfast - August 30 @ 8 am - set-up 7:30

Kirsten D will create a sign-up genius- yogurts, fruit, juice, cold coffee, etc., Venmo option Items can be brought to school August 30 between 7:30-8 or email Kirsten H for drop off the day before. Kirsten H. will get Costco pastries and Krista will coordinate coffee and pickup.

Staff Shirts

Phoebe ordered extras to sell at Back to School Bash. These will be distributed at staff breakfast on August 30.

Chalk the Walk - September 5 from 5-6pm

All families are invited to come and decorate the sidewalks to welcome everyone back to school.

Back to School Night & T-shirt sales - August 30 @ Stoner Prairie from 5-7 pm

Ms. Seidl shared that the Back to School Bash will include Stoner Prairie Elementary and

Savanna Oaks Middle School Families. The night will include an opportunity to meet the teacher, drop off supplies, tour the school with a scavenger hunt, and fun on the playground with bouncy houses and food for sale. We expect Sazon Puerto Rican Fusion, Roost Fried Chicken, Caracas Empanadas, and Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream. Mary shared that part of the scavenger hunt will lead families into the gym where there will be tables and resources for families to access and the PTO will be one of them. T-Shirts will be for sale. The new shirts will be \$12 and the old shirts will be \$10

Back to School Bash reminder will be emailed out to families.

Kirsten D. will create a sign up genius for volunteers to sell t-shirts and help with lemonade.

Staff Discretionary Spending

Kirsten H. and Heather will work on the original Teacher reimbursement form (\$100) and send it to Ms. Seidl and she will communicate to staff at August 30 back to school meeting. The deadline is March 1, but staff should communicate if that date needs to be extended. Heather stated if they turn it in by Friday they will be reimbursed by Monday.

Upcoming Events

Dine Out Nights

Chocolate Shoppe Fundraiser - Sept 19 - Kirsten H confirmed the starting time is 2:30 if anyone wants to get ice cream at the end of the school day.

Hop Haus Dine Out - 10/27 Julia Hirscher to contact Hop Haus

Fun Run - Kirsten H. reported the date has been set for September 29 for Stoner Prairie's 1st Fun Run Fundraiser. It will be during grade level gym class time.

Business Donations - due 9/1 We have 7 verbal commitments from businesses so far \$2,500 and hoping to get up to \$3,000 to cover the cost of the t-shirts for students. Still reaching out to Achieve gymnastics, First Choice Dental, Thirsty Goat

Looking for donations in \$100, \$300, \$500, \$700

Reach out at stonerprairiepto@gmail.com if you have any additional ideas or connections for donor sponsorships.

T-shirts for students - sizes due 9/8 Krista and Kirsten H. will coordinate with Mr. V. to gather shirt sizes during gym class the first week of school. Krista and Kirsten H. shared the committee is still working on advertising and flyer to families and will also reach out to Sugar Creek and research online options for pledge donations in addition to cash and venmo options. More specific event details and information to come for volunteer needs on that day.

Garden Harvesting

Krista reported this will be in October more details to come.

Book Fair - 10/9-10/13, 10/10 family shopping with conference night - Becca & Nikki will coordinate details. Krista and Kirsten H. want to connect with the new social worker to make plans to support students who want books, but funds are a hardship.

Fall Conference Meal - Beth Bruce has volunteered to lead this.

Coffee/Tea Sale- Heather reported that this usually happens in November with coffee delivered in December. More details to come.

Gratitude Glow Night Dance - This is a new event for Stoner Prairie. This would be a night to celebrate everyone's gratitude with decorated bags with tea lights to illuminate and the path would lead to the gym where there will be glow sticks and a dance party. Ashley F. is thinking the second week of November 6 or 8 date to be determined. Will be connecting with Ms. McClurg and Ms. Browman for a connection with the Art/SEL curriculum. Location TBD

Potential for transportation

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

Next Meeting Tuesday September 19, 2023 6:00-7:00pm Location: Stoner Prairie Library

Respectfully submitted by Kirsten Donaldson, Stoner Prairie PTO Secretary

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