

Sauder Elementary PTG Meeting
September 13, 2022 – Sauder Cafeteria
Call to Order: 9:33am

A. Principal Report- Mr. Reindel

-Grades 1-5 are MAP Testing this week. MAP Testing is used to assess the students to check areas of strength or areas they need help in.

-BAS testing to find out reading level to help create a plan and find resources to help students.

-Conferences are coming up (October 4, 6, and 12) There will be another one mid-year (February). 95% of parents participate in conferences. Forms were sent out yesterday (9/12) with the students. Conferences are a great opportunity to connect with teachers. Open house was a good opportunity as well but can get a little hectic so this is a nice way to have a one-on-one with your students' teacher.

- Introduced Mrs. Fontes as Dean of Students...kind of like an assistant principal. She goes between Sauder and Strausser. She has taught eight years in Sauder.

B. President Report- Jessica Schmidt

Introduction of Board

-This is Jessica's fifth year on the board.

- Lindsay Van Peeren- Vice President of Ways and Means- First year on the board.

- Tami Halleen- Vice President Services- Second year on the board.

- Sonya Samad- Communication Secretary- First year on the board.

- Jaclyn Ziders- Treasurer

- There are no fees to join PTG. You just have to sign up to volunteer on Sign Up Genius. The link to Sign up Genius is usually sent out through social media, Remind App, and Mr. Reindel's Newsletter.

- Party sign up is closed because we have to have time to run the lottery. There was a lot more volunteer sign-up about 35 more. We usually have 245 volunteers to sign up this year we had 285 volunteers sign up. We believe the principal newsletter helped get in more volunteers.

Also, we changed the sign-up sheet that was sent out in the beginning of the year. We labeled every event instead of putting a general do you want to be a volunteer.

- If you need to contact Principal Reindel just let someone on the board know and we will contact him just so we know what is going on and there's not so much back and forth.

- Because PTG is nonprofit we try to break even on all of our events. The only fundraising that we want to profit from is Race for Education. Last year for Race for Education we did a playground refresh. Principal Reindel and PTG communicated and chose playground equipment. It has been delayed and it is out of our hands but we were told that it will be here late this fall not sure what month that will be. The recess monitors also have four square made on the playground. It has been 15 years since our playground has had an update. This year we would like to do an interior refresh, we are not sure what exactly that is going to be but once we get the funds from this year's Race for Education we will know what we were able to do (locker painting hallway update etc). - Race for Education is the only event that the school profits. The funds go to school events and makes things possible for all students.

C. Treasurer Report- Jessica Schmidt updated on behalf of Jaclyn Ziders

- Copies of the budget report were handed out.

- We have almost \$10,000 in our account. We try to keep some money in the account at the end of the school year so that we can pay for expenses at the beginning of the year events like Kickball Carnival.

- PTG has purchased a Jackson backdrop in front of the office for photo opps.

- PTG is in the process of purchasing a polar bear costume. We can theme it for our different events with by different T-shirts on it (Race for Education T-shirt). We were also thinking of naming it or we can do a contest and let the kids name it. Maybe we can do a sign up for parents who want to volunteer to wear the costume at events.

- We encourage families to use Amazon smile because we only made \$66. It is the same as shopping Amazon and we benefit from it just for shopping.

- We will be picking up shirts for Race for Education. Staff reimbursements will be distributed in October period you can find any forms on the PTG website or in our cabinet in the office dedicated to the PTG. Everything will be labeled in there if you need... reimbursement forms or tax-exempt forms etc.

D. Vice President of Ways and Means Report- Lindsay Van Peeren-

- We have three events coming up. Kickball carnival is our first one that is this Friday September 16th. We will be having High School volunteers helping out so that parents can enjoy the event with their families. The staff that are participating in kickball carnival doors have been decorated and has gotten the kids really excited for it. Katie M. And Andrea S. have done an amazing job getting ready for kickball carnival. Steve Destefano will provide staff meals before the event. A family of a kindergartener here has donated a bouncy house pass as a prize that we will be raffling off and Card my yard will be setting up. This year Book fair family night will be the same day as conference (10/3-6). Autaum K. And Emily K. Have been working hard getting ready for a race for education they have done an amazing job.
- Autaum K. Race for education- reaching out to parent sponsors who filled out the form that PTG sent out in the beginning of the year. Will send out forms to set up kids race page early next week. Kona ice will be there instead of ice pops that we're giving in the previous years. We will have the polar bear mascot there for photo OPS. Everyone gets shirts with the sponsors on the back. The event is a little later this year so that gives us more time to plan. There is no rain date if it rains the race for education will be moved to the following week during the kid's gym class. So, there will be no volunteers needed if it is in their gym class.
- Angela A.-Book Fair-This is her 6th year as Chair of the book fair. Sign up genius link was sent out by e-mail last night. Jessica S. is chairing the book fair with me this year. Family night will be on conference night this year. Theme is "Let's Tacobout Books". We are trying to get some activities to keep the kids busy while parents are at their conferences. Thinking about having the Polar Pups to keep kids busy.
- Dalene S.- Boys Bash- Planning to use Gaga Ball and maybe an obstacle course.
- Elf Shop- Tami H.- We've done a fundraiser with Five Below but its now Five and Beyond. We are trying to find a way to maintain our prices. Dollar tree has also increased prices to \$1.25. We have been shopping all summer at different stores for cheaper prices. In the past elf shop has been in the Science lab this year it will be in the Multipurpose room in the second third grade hallway. Last year we did pre wrapping on the bigger gifts to save time we will probably do the same. There are more students this year so we have to get enough gifts so that we don't run out. In the past we have had \$9000 in inventory last year we had \$13,000 in inventory but we were still shopping every night after elf shop.
- Spirit Wear- Jessica S.- The district is trying to trademark our logo and colors. So we had to change the shirts and remove some of the shirt options. Moving forward we will know what are the specifics so we can plan in advance. We ran a Facebook ad and reached zero people this year for spirit wear. We made a couple hundred in kickback this year so far. Spirit wear will be at kickball carnival so we can get the kick back. They will be screen printing while you wait.

- E. Vice President of Services Report- Tami H.- PTG will provide dinner for staff appreciation on conference night October 4th. Families can still sponsor or make monetary donations. Sauder family providing a dinner. We will put a sign up for side items and dessert. We might have a coke sponsorship to help out with drinks.
- Kelly H and Angela A- Room parties- we are in process of doing the lottery for the Halloween party which is October 27th and 28th. There was a really big turn out this year we had 280 people sign up. We do have more students this year. In Mrs. Winters class there are 24 students and 20 parents volunteered for that class. In the past there was a separate sign up if you wanted to be chair of a party this year we are choosing the chairperson based on who has usually signed up or we will use the lottery system. The final list for Halloween party volunteers will be posted by September 21st.
 - This year we are trying something new, we want to build a committee for Staff Appreciation. It might be easier for all the conferences.
 - Principal Reindel announced how proud he is of the process trying to include every parents. We are always looking for partners from our parents but it is also a lot to manage that is why there is a lottery.
 - Library volunteer schedule were already sent out. There were so any cafeteria volunteers this year that every parent will not get to volunteer every month.
 - Yearbook- yearbook sold out last year we had to order more. Life Touch does send out emails throughout the year if you want to pre order your yearbook. We have to submit by March to get the yearbook in time. If you have any pictures, please send in. Pages are created as the events come so its easier to submit in the end.
 - Meet the Moms- 40 moms showed up at Royal Docks.
 - In the past we have had Co-sci day, this year will have Zoo Day. Akron Zoo will be coming in. Sign up will be sent out. Event will be mid-January.
 - Sunshine Committee sends gift cards for staff marriages, baby, or deaths.
- F. Communications Secretary- Sonya S. – We used to have monthly PTG newsletter we now include information in Principal Reindel’s Sauder News.

--Question, Concerns, Ideas- Autaum K.- Ahmerst has a book vending machine. Maybe something to look into.

-Jessica announced this will be her last year as president so her positions will be open if anyone is interested. The next general meeting is January 10, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Cafeteria

Meeting Adjourned: 10:28am

Sauder Elementary PTG Meeting Attendance

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JR Reindel, Principal

Jessica Schmidt, President

Lindsay Van Peeren, Vice President of Ways and Means

Tami Halleen, Vice President Services

Sonya Samad, Communications Secretary

Brigette Fontes, Dean of Students

Jenn Whitney

Katie DiMauro

Julie Eschbaugh

Dalene Sherrod

Paul Feaser

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Cheryl Tenney

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Sheba Syed

Melissa Calabrese

Jill Renner

Emily Kohmann

Rachael Deliz

Katie Maslowski

Sandra Rousos

Kellie Hamillton

Angela Arnold

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Julie Duckworth

Natalie Amaya

Jennifer Magee

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