* Call to order at 9:17am
* Mrs. Balderas – excited about tailgate – putting a hold on the money they requested for the teacher’s development program, they will look more into it before they present to the group -
* Officers report – all teachers and students got their shirts last week and will be doing a reorder due to some new kids coming in – Kinder increased by six or seven kids in a matter of weeks – 670 is the last reported total – 1st star polisher award went well and was Mrs. Aguirre – Community Fair was good and spirit wear was there – set up was in the cafeteria and there was a bit of a disconnect from the rest of the event – meeting last week with admin – they have a conference in Oct that they would like to send teachers to, however they are asking if PTO can sponsor the cost of the conference but also front the money for lodging (which would be reimbursed) – the high tech high touch money is something we could use now and then put back later – the principals discretionary fund is possibly going to two mat kits they want to purchase – we will get numbers in the future to know exactly how much it will cost but wanted to give a heads up now – PE is ready to submit a grant proposal for a wireless headset and it might be a good distribution of money since PE sees all the kids – conference would be for four teachers, then they would come back and share with the rest of the staff during a teacher workday – maybe we put teacher professional development as a line item in the future
* VP report – membership has increased and are close to numbers from last year – teacher donations are really good – already purchased 74 gift cards towards birthday treats but this also gives us room for teacher appreciation or other events that might come up – UPCOMING EVENTS – opportunity to give away two parking spots – membership forms for new people –
* Secretary – email vote to make sure everyone was on board with using money for the 4th grade field trip
* Communications – focusing on tailgate stuff this week – keeping up with Sunday communications, please email mike with anything to be included in that – FB page numbers are growing – not much in correspondence with email account other than one person who wants to donate to tailgate and one person with a membership question – adding box tops? Images are great to include in the communications – mention to members that you can scan the receipt to input them
* Spirit Wear - $7100 total – in the black even with the reorder – not many adult small shirts left – Rucker Rocks sold like $958 – much more in the morning – grandparents day 21st and 22nd of Nov – once an order is put in it’s another two weeks before it comes in – pre order in Oct then reopen in Dec – can include a “fall line” link into the principal’s report – opening presale for Oct with a deadline of Nov 1st to pre order – PTO shirts will be included in the preorder –
* Spirit Night Update – trying to get an earlier date for Chic Fil A and looking at Tuesday nights
* Room Parent – followed up with all the teachers, sent out welcome letters – lots of people have secured stuff for their holidays – Nov 7th is a winter party planning meeting at 8am – budget for whole year for party money is $4k and we are at $2,225 – only 155 people donated to the party fund – lots of more parents to reach out to for more party money – sending out a blank envelope to parents to get them to donate more – we have all the stuff for a glow party for the end of the year so it won’t be so expensive as it was last year –
* Watch Dogs – turnout was smaller than pizza night but a good turnout – everyone entered into the database – 75 total applicants – sent out email to last year’s list and then included in principal report – 53 of the 75 are cleared on their background check – reached out for volunteers for Friday and shifts start on Monday – will do a daily blast about signing up for tailgate Friday night – Cristina is worried that we don’t have enough volunteers for this event to work safely – 30 minute time slots to volunteer would benefit and allow people to mingle and spend time with their families – a flyer went home and the sign up has been sent out via email, etc. – email to all the room parents emphasizing the importance of volunteers and the need for volunteers – emphasis people sign up early so we can plan the event appropriately – need a specific number of how many volunteers are needed – will take today to create a communication that is specific as to how many volunteers we need and send out to all room parents – attach the sign up genius link to the email – need to know by tomorrow if we have enough volunteers –
* Box Tops – letters went out to everyone but have no checked with lead room parents to see how many they have gotten – can start collecting now – Mrs. Balderas sending an email to parents to clarify who is the lead room parent that needs to collect the box tops – it’s the room parents job to make sure they collect the box tops and get them to the PTO lead – the main room classroom parent needs to email the teacher and identify themselves as the person who is collecting the box tops – For Nov submission we need by Oct 25th for box tops to go home –
* Table Tents – have table tents on the tables where kids eat with their parents – parents will see those while they are waiting for their kids for lunch – pushing other incentive outlets after tailgate
* Raise Craze – met our goal – learned that communication with the teachers is vital and by looking at the numbers you can see which teachers are reading the entire email and who is not – coordinator can target that grade level better next year - $800 over our budget for this year – Prosper PISD has a week-long academy and they asked for PTO to sponsor a bounce house for the last day of their event – as a PTO council all the PTO presidents meet quarterly and they are up in the air about how they want to fund the new school PTOs – in years past the schools will split the startup money for each school – with more elementary schools getting opened, the overall cost is going down – the debate right now is do we split the cost of the $4k amongst all the schools or do elementary do elementary, high do high, etc. – only one high school so they would have to raise $4k for the new high school which is hard to do – the PTO services all the staff at the high school – average is two to three new schools added each year –
* New Business – bulletin board update – send pictures during events so she can print them off and put on the bulletin boards – Mike will get her pictures and if Mike isn’t there we can get someone to cover
* Hospitality – small cakes donating cupcakes again this year, we are gifting them a $10 gift card, a cupcake and a drink of their choice – first round of birthdays last month and she sent pictures to Cristina – overage and that will go to any other events that the admin asks us to support
* Culture Night – have a volunteer that wants to attend the meetings and be in the loop – Cristina getting that person’s name to Mrs. Balderas – teacher appreciation week coordinator is Christy Kabanek – have a group that want to help
* Star Polisher is the 17th of Oct
* Adjourns 10:16am