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Michael Ward, Principal

FES PTO MEETING MINUTES

6:34PM Meeting called to order

Intro:

Welcome to attendees virtually and in person. Round table introductions of all attendees and Mr. Strauss, Superintendent.

Principal's Report:

- Welcome Mr. Strauss
- Review beginning of year activities, great participation so far. 89% attendance at Popsicles on the Playground and 79% attendance at Back to School Night.
- Establish meeting norms for PTO meetings going forward:
 - Respectful communication (in meetings and on social media)
 - Organization (agendas, start/stop times, notes)
 - Truth (transparency and honesty)

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Ledger Balance: \$79,666.43

Ending Ledger Balance: \$71,251.21

Recaps/Upcoming Events:

- Teacher Welcome Back Luncheon - Taco Food Truck worked out well, teachers enjoyed it!
- Teacher Start Up checks were distributed and appreciated.
- Basketball hoop installation is in process, foundation has been installed, awaiting reschedule of delivery/install for hoop.
- Hydration Stations (4) have been installed in school. PTO paid for half of the total cost.

- Replenished Recess items, new balls, etc were purchased for recess use
- Spare water bottles were purchased (10 per classroom) for students to use with hydration stations if needed
- Summer Reading Prizes were purchased and distributed to students
- Book Fair Scheduled 9/13-9/15 with Family Night 9/14 6-7:30PM. Volunteers are scheduled.
- Fun Run coming up, this year's theme is "Adventure in Learning". Need to decide on big incentive, open to suggestions (no slime). Mr Strauss would like to be involved. Volunteer sign ups will be posted in 1-2 weeks. The money already raised will cover the cost of the tshirts.
 - 10/3 Kick Off Rally
 - 10/13 Fun Run
- Trunk or Treat scheduled for 10/22 (rain date 10/23). Volunteers needed to decorate cars, will send out sign up - goal is 25 cars. Will need prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Can we take advantage of High Schoolers as volunteers to distribute candy and other help? NHS? Football team?
- New Laminators needed for teachers. Current machine is often jammed with smaller items, suggested idea to purchase 1 small machine per grade level and main machine used for items over 8x10. Can we have Scotch donate some?

Motions:

- Mrs. Neves materials request: Sensory Resources requested totalling \$946.84. Mrs Neves will send Amazon Wish List with items to PTO.

Motion was made and approved for \$950

Board Member Reports:

- Book Fair - Student/Family purchases to be taxed this year due to error in the past. PTO purchases are exempt. Will have basket with books for students who do not have money to spend.
- Fun Run - 25k goal this year, should we set stretch goal? TBD

Notes/Questions:

- Katie Roderiques to join as Co Volunteer Coordinator
- Reviewed volunteer requirements at all activities, CORI check and Fingerprints required.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15PM

Next Meeting will be: October 10, 2022 at 6:30PM

Sarah Dudley, FES PTO Secretary

Jessica Oliver, FES PTO Co-Chair