

Freedom Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019

I. Call to order

Brandi Blevins, President, called to order the regular meeting of the Freedom PTA at 6:34 pm on April 4, 2019 at Freedom Elementary School Media Room.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present: *Joyce Barnes, Kati Pierce, Alysa Myers, Sheen Maldonado, Julie Bloom, Kara Copley, Becky Clemens, Teri Geppi, Nicole Murray, Melissa McGuinness, Karen Van Fossen and Julia Sias*

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve minutes, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. Parent Resource Presentation

Instructional teachers (Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Sias) went over the new “Come With, Leave With” guide they are putting in place for each grade. This guide outlines the set of skill children are expected to enter and leave each grade with. We are the first school to be implementing something like this and teachers and administration feel this is going to get everyone on the same page regarding expectations for our students and teachers. Students should receive the “Come With, Leave With” guide with their 4th quarter report cards.

V. Old Business Review

a) Spirit Nights:

- Noodles we made \$198.12. Glory Days we only made \$23.79 so we will re-evaluate that one going forward. If we do it again we need to stress again that we need itemized receipts and not just the credit card copy otherwise we don't receive credit. Stratosphere after pizza purchases was \$196.

b) Bingo:

- Bingo was a huge success. Total earned was \$12,715 and after reimbursements revenue was \$10,812. Over 50% of families took advantage of the order ahead Chik-Fil-A option for a total of \$1206. We sold an additional \$701 worth of food/drinks at the event, \$6020 worth of tickets, \$510 donations from FES families and local businesses and we made \$4979 the night of.

c) Hershey Park Tickets total profit was \$970.56.

d) Hoffy mascot update:

- This will be a bit of a process to change the mascot look as numerous things around the school bear the current Hoffy design. Unfortunately, there were no outstanding design submissions for a new mascot that would work for our school at this time. Administration may change Hoffy's entire look, so we need to see what is decided with that prior to ordering a new costume. Once the concept for Hoffy has been agreed upon, our goal is to have 2 brand new costumes made which will most likely be upwards of \$2,000. Hopefully this can be done over the summer, so we're ready to go come fall.

e) Spelling Bee update: Sara was not present, however after conversations the teachers feel current lesson plans don't support it. Sara wants to revamp the program next year and possibly create a spelling bee word study booklet for those children interested in participating.

f) Green Team update: There will be a real push for next year. Our certification is expiring soon, so if we want to stay a “Green” school this will be a big focus.

VI. Principal's Report

- a) Teachers and support staff really appreciate the treats from the PTA. It's very uplifting when the treat filled cart arrives.
- b) Volunteer Breakfast will be April 15th from 9:15am to 10:15am.

VII. New Business

- a) Teacher Appreciation gift and week: Discussion was held around a teacher gift this year and a motion was approved to allow for a \$550 budget to put towards teacher appreciation week logo baseball caps. Jen Hortiz is helping to coordinate the week again this year but was not present with updates. She did announce an "Around the World" theme at the last meeting as our working theme. An idea was to tie the baseball caps in with an American day possibly as part of the week. Members expressed their interest in planning the week and Brandi indicated Jen would be in touch with those interested in helping to plan the week.
- b) Movie night is still in the works. We must figure out licensure and how to show the movie legally. Talk of using the local high school for the event was discussed. More information to follow.
- c) Mom and Me Paint Night: Brandi is proposing a new idea for a Mother's Day "Mom and Me" paint night. It would be a small event but would be a fun and creative idea for something new. Still working out all the details, date of possibly May 10. Idea was favored.
- d) Box Tops: Darla not present, tabled until next meeting. Brandi mentioned the Box Tops may go digital soon but not a lot of details were known yet.
- e) End of the year activities: Need to set a date for the ice-cream social. The next behavior incentive is May 30th. Ms. Smith to talk to Mr. Tozer and put that together. Fifth Grade promotion to be held on June 17th along with the promotion picnic and Starr Mitchell will again take the lead on that event.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a) Dance Committee: Dance is this weekend, April 6th. Volunteers still needed, a sign-up genius will be posted. Overall, the event didn't sell as many tickets and when the dance was separated into a Mother/Son and Father Daughter Dance. We sold less than 400 tickets total, where as in years past the Mother/Son Dance sold 400 tickets and the Father/Daughter Dance sold between 450-500 tickets. Brief discussion held as to whether combining the dances was the reason for less involvement this year. It was again suggested that there be a daddy- daughter dance and a mother-son fun night (bowling, skating, etc).
- b) Volunteer Coordination. Sonja not present, tabled until next meeting.
- c) Upcoming Sprit Nights: **Family Dance Night**: April 6, **Mod Pizza**: April 29th (20% back), **Bupperts Spring flower and plant sale**: April 29-May 21 (10% back- flyer must be present to receive credit), **Chipotle**: April 9th from 4-8pm (33% back, but must sell a minimum of \$300 worth of sales before we start earning), **Ritas**: May 16th from 3-9pm (20% back), **Chik-Fil-A**: May 7 from 5-8pm and June 3rd from 5-8pm, **McDonalds**: June 18.

Brandi Blevins, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alysa Myers