**Freedom Elementary School PTA**

**Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

Virtual meeting. Lori Coon, President, calls to order the virtual meeting of the Freedom PTA at 6:30 p.m. on December 1, 2022. November Minutes approved

**Attendance**

The following individuals are present at the meeting: Lori Coon, Allison Steele, Karice Parada, Jessica Smith, Jane Castner, Elisabeth Currence, Cingy Taylor, Stephanie Lihvarchik, Stephanie Otterson, Alejandra Zecena, Melissa McGuinness, Amy Graham, Nicole Cox, Max, Sickels, Bob Sickels

**KAH Reort – Bob Sickels**

1. Nicole Cox will be taking over as director at FES
2. Next Kids Night set for December 9th. Looking for a space at FES
3. Bob will be sending out a list of other proposed KNO dates
4. Registration opened on Dec. 2 for next year and summer camp
5. New “Auditorium” on site at Red Barn would be available for End of Year party and other events

**III. Old Business Review**

1. Spirit night earnings: Chic-Fil-A -$200.30, Chipotle - $277.12
2. Ceiling Tiles: All but 2 were picked up before Thanksgiving Break. 1 tile broke, waiting on replacement. Everyone is excited, great response. Tiles should be returned by 12/12. Other teachers asking for tiles in their rooms too, could be do another round.
3. Fall Food Drive: Great generosity from FES. We filled a jeep + of food. Great response on the gift cards, we had a few lates ones come in and they will go toward the Holiday Dinner.
4. Veterans Day: Thank you to Pack 417 on a great job with the program. It was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated.
5. Play Day Shirts: working to find a “happy medium” price that will work for all. Additional options to donate and to help those families who can’t pay for the shirts to make sure all who wants one can get one. Allison is working on this.
6. 4 Hershey Park tickets left over. These will be raffled off to FES Staff on 12/9

**IV. Board Reports**

1. Allison (VP) – Working on streamlining our fundraisers and reorganizing (Amazon Smile, Coke tops, Box tops). Working to find which ones will give us the most “bang for our buck”
2. Treasurer: We are caught up on reimbursements. Please allow 30 days for cashing checks and getting reimbursement. Teachers can opt to have the checks dropped off in their mailboxes at school.
3. PTA Parent Liaison (Karice Parada): Info has gone out via the sway, however Liaisons are not getting responses from parents. We will be having Grade Level Team members sending the info to parents as well as the sway and FB.

D. Principal report: Jessica Smith:

1. Veterans Day program was super successful

2. Fun Run Finale Slimming was a huge success, kids loved it.

American Educations Week: The most attended she has seen in her 20 years. It was a wonderful week having it open to parents all week long.

3. Notes of gratitude that were sent were very much appreciated.

E. Cindy Taylor: Thank you to the PTA for all that you do for FES & the community

F. Ms. Castner: Thanks for all the treats, much appreciated. Teacher supply closet updates, in need of tissues!

**V. New Business**

A. Holiday Gift Drive:

1. Dec. 16th
2. There are additional places to drop off the gifts
3. Will need help with wrapping the gifts on Sunday Dec. 17th

B. Help Needed for upcoming events

1. Stem Fair – Feb. 15th (snow date – Feb. 16th)

2. Dance March 2023 – Jungle Theme. Meeting set for committee on 12/5 5-6:30. Need to organize decorations, food set up/clean up. Community service hours offered. Snow date is April 15th

3. Bingo – April 29th. Currently gathering committee members and need someone to chair this event.

**V. Committee Reports**

A. Upcoming Spirit nights (see below)

B. Trex – collected 1600 lbs. so far

C. Homerooms that won a party need to confirm what they would like to do – Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. VonFossen.

**VI. Open to the membership** – no questions or comments

**V11**. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

12/6 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

12/19 – Mr. Jacks