

Findlay North PTO
Sept. 19, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Bigelow Hill School

In attendance: Eric Payne, Erin Clegg, Guadalupe Perez, Andreanna Perez, Valerie Smith, Emily Hanson, Alexis Lobdell, Deb Anders, Ed Kurt, Reine Holbrook, Amber Hirt, Sunni Hubbell, Kristy Szkudlarek, Sarah Lonaker, Jennifer Theis, & Elizabeth Behrendt

Proposed slate of officers:

President: Elizabeth Behrendt

Vice-president: Kristy Szkudlarek

Secretary: Valerie Smith

Co-Treasurers: Amber Hirt (Jac.), Deb Anders (NV), Carolee Hertel (BH)

1. Welcome! - please sign attendance sheet – provide your email address to sign up for PTO notices/ email
2. Monday evening at 6:30, September 24th, there was a community meeting at the High School auditorium. There will be a question and answer session about the upcoming levy concerning school safety
3. Officer elections
 - a. Nominations from the floor
 - b. Questions about positions, see the proposed slate above
 - c. Elizabeth proposed the slate and the motion was carried
4. Secretary's Report - Review/ approve minutes of prior meeting held May 15, 2018
 - No corrections or amendments
 - Motion to approve by Kristy; Eric 2nd, motion carried
5. Treasurer's Report
 - \$16,000 to start
 - There were \$171 in donations during the Mumkin sale
 - Nonsufficient funds from the Mumkin sale will be looked into; there were approximately \$87
 - We are grateful to all of the volunteers who helped us count and enter Mumkin orders
 - \$24,000 now with the Mumkin fundraiser; it was a great year for that fundraiser
 - Principals – please turn in budgets soon
 - NV and BH have their budgets ready and they can be given to the officers after the meeting
 - There were not any questions about the treasurer's report or budget process at this time

Budget Procedure Reminder: All allocation requests that were approved in advance via the budget will be paid by treasurers upon submission of allocation request form. Items not budgeted will come before PTO at next available meeting, subject to approval by membership. Budgets are approved in September or October yearly. Reimbursements will not be paid until after approval of the budget.

6. Fundraisers:

- For the 2018-2019 school year we are having 2 Fall Fundraisers
- We then use these fundraisers for budgeted items and possible larger projects for our 3 schools. Some examples of past larger projects: sound system, library furniture, playground equipment, etc.

Mumkins - Sale dates were Aug. 28 to Sept. 10

- THANK YOU to our tally team who spent 10+ hours: Amber, Kristy, Deb, Valerie, Emily and Elizabeth
- Delivery date Sept. 26, 2018 at Jacobs School
- The business will come with staff to help unload the trucks;
- Mrs. Miller will help direct where the products will go
- Goal of 2:00 pick up start time
- Goal of all products being picked up before 6:00
- We are in need of volunteers and garden carts, wagons, etc. You can leave these at JA on the morning of the 26th **Volunteers requested for delivery day, 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm**
- There will be a text sent to the principals when people can begin picking up their Mum
- They will be sorted by schools; so if you have children at multiple schools, you will have to keep that in mind
- We are hoping there will be a greeting table and then the volunteers will go get the flowers and bring them over
- Fort Meyer and Sons, which is in Delaware, have videos about pick-up day with instructions. They have been very helpful.
- Total: \$8,366.75 of profit for all 3 schools
- There were over 1,600 Items ordered
- Approximately 37% of students participated at NV; 25% of students participated at JA; 28% of students participated at BH; this was an increase for BH & JA; there was roughly 20% participation at JA and BH in the past; this tells us that people were interested in the Mumkin product

Cookie Dough, Otis Spunkmeyer

- Fundraiser Chair: Carolee Hertel; Event Coordinator: Elizabeth Behrendt
- Kickoff: Thursday September 27th
- Principals will let us know what time they would like their assemblies; we are waiting on the brochures,

- Orders will be due: Monday, October 8th
- **Need volunteers to help tally orders Oct. 8-14**
- Delivery date: Monday, November 12th at either NV or BH
- There was a discussion about other fundraisers like restaurants; Blanchard Valley made \$600 off of 60 kids; Burger King is another option; Sunni volunteered to set it up in the future

7. Events in planning stages:

- Read-a-thon, Spring 2019...Kristy suggested March 4th and we will start talking about it in January; suggested buying the books in the book fair and then the money goes back to the children; the librarians will help with those selections; JA bookfair is Oct. 1-5 and NV bookfair is Oct. 12-19; There was a question about whether these can be ordered after the bookfairs are over; Thanks for heading that up Kristy!
- Bakery Bingo, Feb. or March 2019...Miss Lobdell volunteered to head that up for the 3rd year; Thanks for heading that up Alexis
- Books for students – increasing literacy on school breaks and summer
- We are open for suggestions, but are in need of additional volunteers to organize events
- Dinner for the teachers during conferences
 - Oct. 4 JA
 - Oct. 9. NV (35 staff members)
 - Oct. 18BH (30 staff members)

8. Principal comments & Announcements

Dr. Theis, BH

- Family Picnic
- No school Sept. 28th
- Applying for STEAM designation
- Picture day make up day in Oct.
- Spirit wear sale to offer items for families
- Conferences
- 5th grade has already gone to an animal habitat field trip at the Toledo Zoo; The Toledo Zoo will be coming down later and students will be presenting
- 4th grade project based learning working with Habitat for Humanity; students will be involved with the whole process of building a new house

Mr. Payne, NV

- Great start to the year - Love and Logic/Kid Whisperer strategies
- Awesome 7 Habits Open House last night (9/18/18); almost 60 families came
- Picture day on Friday 9/21
- 9/24-9/28 Spirit Week
- No School 9/28
- Donuts with Dad October 2, 2018 8-9:15 am
- Parents please be sure to sign up for the Northview parent email distribution list through the Northview website

9. Teacher comments & Announcements

Mrs. Smith, NV

- NV had a wonderful Habit Night; the community was very generous with donating gift cards as door prizes to help families “Sharpen the Saw”

10. Next meeting: Jacobs School, **October 17, 2018 at 6 p.m.**

- Will include presentation on the levy for school safety and security
- We will have suggest dates for the rest of the year during the October meeting

11. Other comments before adjourning

- Mr. Kurt discussed how the parents were surveyed, Speedway donated shirts to the FCS staff that say “Educating and empowering for life”; we need kids who are working on 21st century skills and the 4 C’s (Critical Thinking, Communication, Creativity, & Collaboration); we are working on project based learning with children, not just being a generation of test takers
- There was a discussion about having less high stakes testing; Mr. Kurt said that was the emphasis right now, not a reality yet. We need to advocate for accountability, tempered with the fact of what is best for children
- Mr. Kurt talked about the Leader in Me and Trauma Informed Care initiatives LIM for children; these help promote well rounded children
- Andreanna talked about being an academic advisor at a college and how they have many referrals for mental health; they have used BH’s big shake and are using it for professional networking and working on soft skills, helping with anxiety, working on eye contact, etc.