

Starside PTA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Kelsey Zabel, President, held introductions for all in attendance.

Kelsey Zabel, President, asked for review and approval of the September General meeting minutes. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

Principals Report

Principal, Jan Hicks, shared the whole school went to DHS for a field trip to see the school musical. All went well and Starside would like to go again next year. The next week will start Walk-A-Thon prizes. Monday, 11/12, is World Kindness Day. The school is planning to encourage students to wear either a yellow shirt or a cardigan for Mr. Rogers. Principal Hicks also shared there will be 7 days of Kindness leading up to the holidays for snack bags for kids at hospitals, as well as collecting canned goods. Principal Hicks also provided an update to the PTA with regards to the 25th birthday of Starside and there will not be a special celebration this year.

PTA Calendar Update & Approval:

Kayla Green, Vice President, provided the update on the PTA calendar with the Chipotle Restaurant Night being Wednesday, 11/8/23.

Treasurer's Report

Chelsea Cole, Treasurer, shared the Walk-A-Thon statistics. The school raised just over \$13,000, which was a 13% increase from last year. Chelsea also shared there was a large increase in overall participation and Venmo accounted for 52% of all donations, as compared to 36% last year.

Committee Reports

Kayla Green, Vice President, shared an overview of each of the committees

Spirit Wear – All spirit wear should have been delivered this week to the school. We had a great turnout this year and may look at doing an additional spirit wear order in the spring.

Corporate Donations - Courtney Lewis shared approximately \$14,500 was raised for corporate donations this year.

Restaurant Nights - Papa Murphy's restaurant night raised \$179. Discussion was held about moving the location to a different Papa Murphy's that might be closer to the school. Chipotle restaurant night will be on Wednesday, 11/8/23. This has been shared on the PTA's Facebook page.

Walk a Thon - Marla shared she met with Jan last week to discuss all of the rewards for Walk-a-Thon. All rewards are planned for the following week, 11/13/23-11/17/23. Additional volunteers will be needed to help with getting kids to the correct parties. A Sign-Up Genius will be going out for volunteers.

Staff Meal - Joe's KC donated a meal and Nothing Bundt Cakes donated mini-bundt cakes during Parent-Teacher Conferences. KJ's is planning to do pizza for lunch on 2/15/24.

Skate Party – The Skate Party raised a total of \$392.50. We will also be getting an additional donation of \$50 for sending flyers out to students about skate lessons. Skate City printed and provided the flyers to send home.

Thank You Notes – Tia has sent out hand-written Thank You notes on behalf of the PTA. The notes were sent out the same day the list was given to Ta.

Other Business

The PTA reporting is due on 11/14 to state and was paid on 11/3.

The PTA provided a free book to every student during the book fair. Kelsey Zabel, President, shared that the books were provided through Scholastic, which earned additional Scholastic points, which earned Starside an additional \$600 in free books. Parent feedback was that the books were great!

The PTA purchased bean bags for the library through the Teacher Grant program. Chelsea Cole, treasurer, shared there was additional grant money from last year due to keyboards not being bought last year. Mrs. Whitley wanted alternative seating in the library and the students at Starside have all had positive feedback in regards to the bean bags.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared the Holiday staff treat will be a Grounded Coffee cart, which includes coffee, hot chocolates, lemonades, smoothies, and hot/cold chai. A Google Sheet will be created with all options so teachers can submit their order. The PTA will also be providing an Amazon gift card to teachers with their drinks before Thanksgiving break.

Discussion was held about an additional PTA event for the spring. Suggestions included a birthday party for Cosmo. Kayla Green, Vice President, shared the Olathe school district hosts a Disco/Diva dance party, as well as a foam party and cotton candy and popcorn were available for purchase. Discussion was held about a Trivia Night, potentially at Tall Trellis. There would be a cost for hiring someone to host the trivia night. Jan Hicks, Principal, also shared there will be a Family Night again this year on Thursday, 5/2, that the PTA usually partners with the school on.

Glow Party supplies have been ordered and we are on track.

Upcoming Events

Chipotle Dinner Night (11/8)

Staff Holiday Treat (11/16)

Social Event – held at El Patron