

PAW meeting minutes

October 1, 2018

**PAW OFFICERS: Sherri Gallus (President),
Laura Gorder (Vice President)
Miranda Gilbert (Treasurer),
Rhiannon Knutson (Secretary)**

Attendance:

Sherri G., Kim M., Sara M., Heidi L., Sarah L., Pat P., Kristin SD., Suzie M., Tammy R.,
Laura G., Miranda G.

Title 1 -presented by Suzie, and Tammy

Title 1 is school wide. Suzie checks with our school to make sure we are following rules and regulations correctly so that we keep getting Federal money. At conferences they are going to be sending home a compact packet talking about Title 1 and how they can increase family involvement. They work with the schools to have family events and these are the ones for the year.

Tue. Nov. 13th-Math breakfast from 7:00-7:45. PAW purchased food last year and they want to know if we can do that again or split the cost with Title 1. They will provide math activities for parents and adults to play at school and bring home to do.

Mon. Dec. 3rd-Coding and technology day during school. It is national week of coding, and they hope to bring in people from the community to talk about how they use technology in their workplace

Tue. Feb. 12th-Reading breakfast from 7:00-7:45. This would coincide with I love to read month and 1 district 1 book. They will provide reading activities for parents and adults to play and bring home. They asked PAW to help cover or cover food costs for this event.

Tue. March 26th-STEM night. Working on what that will look like. Maybe having a parent information sheet/person there to help them learn about what their child is doing when they are coding.

Tammy R. did an ask for a training for parents. Love and Logic is an hour and a half training through Resource training and solutions. This would be free to parents. They would like us to be able to offer this opportunity for parents to learn logical consequences for kids, learn language that you can use to give logical consequences, and show you what that would look like like. The trainer would give scenarios, activities,

and tools to be successful. The ask is for PAW to pay for the training which is \$294 for 40 people. They thought that mailing the information to homes would be a good way to get the information to the parts that might need it most.

PAW's bylaws state that we need a Request for Funds form filled out, bring it to the group to vote on it and see about moving forward. Right now we don't have the funds budgeted for this to happen so we are going to look for donations because a lot of the parents at the meeting liked the idea of the training.

There was no principal's report. Mr. Branton wasn't at the meeting.

Treasurer's report- The Walk-A-Thon brought in \$9,879.00! A huge thanks to all the families that donated to our biggest fundraiser for the year. We still have to take out the cost of the bounce houses, prizes, printing of the envelopes, and t-shirts from this total. Once this is done we will have a better total. There won't be as much money taken out this year for the t-shirts because we had some sponsors. So far this year we have made \$10,059.39 with the Walk-A-Thon and Summerland gift certificates and our expenses have been \$10,718.69. If anyone wants to see the budget you can email us at westwoodpaw@gmail.com.

Fall party- The family event is Thursday, November 1st from 5:30-7:00. We are trying to think of a theme to the party to go with the carnival games that will be in the gym. There was talk of escape rooms, scavenger hunt, truck or treat, or sensory rooms. What we would need are parent volunteers for these to happen. There needs to be a sign up to see what parents would help with at the event and who would donate candy for the games. We have spent \$1,000 on prizes for this event, so getting candy donated would be helpful. Things like suckers, starburst, peanut free candies, sour patch kids, etc. There is going to be an ask to Culvers to bring food for the evening. Not free for families, but reasonably priced. We are also going to be checking with high school sports teams through the athletic director at Apollo for students to help run the games.

Teachers conference meal- Our Fall conferences are coming up and PAW donates food for the first night of conferences for all the staff. Typically we do subs or pizza due to the ease of it. We have \$130 for a budget and subs at Walmart have gone up so we might have to check on somewhere else. We were talking about putting an ask to parents for money or food to bring for that night.

Robotics concessions- November 3rd is the Robotic tournament at North Jr. High and we have the opportunity to sell concessions to raise money for PAW. The idea is to go in the night before to set up. We are going to do a volunteer sign up for either all day, or

shifts of 3-4 hours. Something like 7:30-2:30, 7:30-11:00, 11:00-2:30. We need to talk more about what foods to sell, how much to purchase, how much money we need to start off, and how much profit we want to make off the items we sell.

Open floor-

Art to Remember dates are middle of March. More info. to come.

Summerland- We have \$20 vouchers for Summerland that are good for next year. We had a day to go to Summerland and use the vouchers, but didn't sell the amount we thought. We need to sell these at our events.

Walk-A-Thon- Making improvements and thinking of different ideas to make it more successful and less of a loss for PAW. We were talking about taking out prizes and having more things like extra time outside that day, extra gym time, lunch with the principal, pie in the face, etc.. Things like this that are fun to do that have a little incentive for the kids to bring in more money, but don't cost a lot. We can also go to restaurants and business to ask for gift certificates for prizes. Since there weren't the incentives there were in the past we didn't raise as much money. Kids realized that can do the same things as everyone if they bring in \$1 or \$100. So the desire to bring in more money wasn't there. We need to get the t-shirts fully sponsored. Going to businesses during the summer and asking for sponsorships is better than waiting until the school starts to get them. Finding the right people to do this is key.