

PTO Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2023 6:30 p.m.
Deerfield Elementary School Library
and Virtually

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

Attendees: Sarah Hart, Michelle Schwab, Valerie Manning, Kristin Leigh, Sarah Riffle, Carrie Ammerman, Melinda Kamrath, Denise Kelley, Kailee Borchert
...with special guest–Jeff Moerke!

Approval of Minutes from March Meeting

Minutes approved.

President's Report: Sarah Hart

Next month's meeting is very important. We will be voting on the budget for next year.

Jeff Moerke is our guest tonight–He is here to discuss fundraising opportunities for PTO at Bittersweet Blessings Farm. Every year they host 2 large events at the farm. They offer nonprofits 2 opportunities to raise money by helping with setup and/or parking. They would like to offer the PTO the opportunity to volunteer. The Spring Expo is May 21st.

Setup–

The times are Saturday 2PM-7PM (8-10 volunteers) and Sunday morning 5AM-7:30AM (10-15 volunteers)
Donation of \$1000 for the assistance.

Running the parking lot–

7:30AM-1:30PM

We will need a sign “Parking service and shuttle provided by PTO” and we accept donations.

There are up to 4000 cars and could be an opportunity to make \$1-4000+

We will need someone to direct traffic from road, people in parking lot, and golf carts for shuttle service.

Other option is for BSF to rent the golf carts for us and give us a donation of \$2-3000

Need to know in 2 weeks.

Put up a sign-up genius now, and see if we get enough volunteers to participate.

We decided to focus on handling parking.

BSF will provide vests, flags, and radios.

Admission is free for the volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Kelley

Dance expenses and Enrichments last month.

\$13,640.21 in checking.

Went down to \$8300 at the end of last year.

Principal's Report: Melinda Kamrath

Pogie the Yogie went over well. Tony Memmels at the end of April.

Beginning to look at enrichments for the fall.

Purchasing another sunshade. Laps for Learning, May 10th, donations used for sunshades.

Looking at more outdoor seating.

The Referendum passed! That \$\$ will be going towards improvements to the facilities.

PTO funds will be used for outdoor shades, seating, and equipment.

Committee Reports (if there are updates)

- **Craft Fair – Carrie Ammerman**
 - Updates
- **Craft Fair Raffle – Sarah Hart**
 - Updates
- **Culvers Share Night – Kate Brattlie**
 - **April 18th**
 - **We need volunteers! 4 for each shift 4-5:30, and 5:30-7**
Will put post on FB
- **Family Dances – Sarah Hart, Missy Felio**
 - **Great attendance**
 - **\$237 in donations**
- **Clothing Fundraiser – Keleigh Gassen**
 - Updates
- **School Kidz - Jenny Andersen, Danielle Johansen**
 - **The link closes on the 15th.**
- **High Five Event – Sarah Hart, Victoria Larson**
 - **Ice cream, and DJ, and fun activities for the kids.**
- **Teacher Appreciation Week – Allison Ledbury, Michelle Schwab, Valerie Manning**
 - **Staff count is 68**
 - **Keleigh is putting together gifts for the staff with a budget of \$700**
 - **Adam Dunnington has offered to cater for the teachers at a cost of approx. \$1000-\$1200**
 - **The menu idea is–**
 - M-lasagna**
 - T-soup & sandwich**
 - W-hors d’oeuvres and cake**
 - T-grilled lunch**
 - F-coffee and donuts**
 - **We will look into getting coffee and donuts donated for Friday to help with cost**
 - **Thank you Michelle and Carrie for helping with transportation and ideas**
 - **Will put up a sign up about 2 weeks before for snacks and drinks**
 - **\$700 approved to increase budget.**
- **Supply Drive – Kim McAloon**
 - Updates

Teacher’s Report

Other Business

Do we have anything in place to help with students who have unpaid lunch balances?

We have received donations in the past. The Deer Fund–used to help kids that can’t pay for field trips, lunches, etc. We will look at ways the PTO could help.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.