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October 3, 2022 PIECE Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Scott Peters, Lauren McClure, Bree Nord, Allison Vaughn, Jessica McConnaughay, Sarah Stoller, Mary Franks, Bri Schreiner, Jill Deacon, Arun Gopnath, Kelly Murray, Ashley Miller, Suzy Keim, Bonnie Jolley, Erin Cox, Laura Roelthe, Erin Dobson, Sandy Mosher, Amy Gall, Julie Schumacher

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Peters opened the meeting to introduce Dr. Weikle. Dr. Weikle has been presenting the proposed referendum to ensure that everyone is aware of what is included as well as the facts that will be voted on in the next election.

Referendum Overview by Dr. Weikle

- Dr. Weikle went over in detail some of the benefits that Unit 5 has to offer our students. These offerings range from elementary all the way through technician/vocational. She proceeded to explain the referendum and the impact this will have to our district but also to those that pay property taxes in McClean County.
- This [presentation](#) has been recorded and is available for all to hear this information. Please visit <https://www.unit5.org/domain/3810> to also obtain more information including a FAQ section.
- In addition to attending many different schools, the board is also holding two more sessions so that taxpayers can make an informed decision in November.

Principal's Report – Scott Peters

- Evac drill was a week ago and they did a great job moving from Prairieland to Eastview
- Playground is making progress. They are creating a sidewalk all the way around the rubber matting.
- Halloween is coming!! Parade 1:15 - Bus lane, back through Evergreen outside and then back into building. Rain will be indoor multi-purpose and gym. To help with costumes then you have to have a golden ticket to come in.
- Parent teacher conferences are 11/7 so make sure to sign up

Teacher's Representative Report - Kelly Murray and Ashley Miller

- Nothing to Report

Treasurer's Report: Laura Roethle

- OBBY Run was a great event and we had lower than estimated expenses last year and there is a need for new trees. This expense is not something provided by the district. We received a quote for \$2800 from Reinhardt Nursery to replace the trees in the front. We may receive other estimates.
- Laura Roethle proposed spending up to \$2800 for replacement of trees. Motion was made by Erin Dobson, Bree Nord Second.
- Motion approved
- Profit and Loss Report as of 09/30/2022 (YTD)
 - Income Total \$2053
 - Expenses Total \$4657
 - Total - (\$2604)

President's Report: Erin Cox

- Homecoming Parade - great turnout of fifth graders and we came in first place in the Elementary Division. 2 years in a row!
- Fall Event Timeline
 - Spirit Wear Open Now - Stay tuned to Facebook for more information!
 - Pastry Sale will start 10/1
 - Fundraising Committee - 10/17
 - Truck or Treat/Back to School - 10/29
 - Halloween Parties and Room Parties - 10/31
- Committee Updates
 - Spirit Wear - Webstore is open. No paper sales. Communications can be sent.
 - Pastry Sales - See Mary Franks and samples will be available. Expected delivery is 11/15. Samples will be at the Welcome Back Event.
 - Welcome Back Event - Popcorn, Apple Cider, game stations. Hayride will be tabled for another year due to construction. We can use the parking lot at Calvary if needed.
 - Trunk or Treat - Same time as Welcome Back event. 2 trunks per classroom (cars). Wear costumes and they go to each decorated "trunk" and get goodies just like trick or treating.
 - Room Parent Coordinator - Everyone has a volunteer for all parties.
 - Staff Appreciation- Ashly Jarrett - Stock the Lounge - Drinks, snacks, tide sticks, etc
 - Carnival - Elizabeth McMorris - Looking for a team of volunteers to support Carnival
 - Basket Raffle - Jessica Man - gathering
 - OBBY Run - Julie Schumacher - Will be in the spring
 - Chess Club - We would like to bring back the chess club but we need a leader. Used to be once a week and they would attend tournaments. Need a lead and more volunteers to help. If interested, please contact Erin Cox or any board or committee member.

Vice President of Fundraising Report: Jessica McConnaughay

- A Fundraising Committee will be held on Monday October 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the K-2 Commons.
- This will be a fundraising focus group and the new ideas and what we can do next year.

Vice President of Communications Report: Allison Vaughn

- Watch for more Facebook updates from PIECE
- Staff Highlights Posts will be coming soon as well as more posts about how PIECE and teachers are working together to enhance our kids education.
- In addition the Prairieland PIECE website has been updated. Big shout out to Jamie Jorsack for updating this for us.

Secretary Report: Bonnie Jolley

- Meeting minutes shared on website - <https://www.prairielandpiece.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/September-12-2022-PIECE-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>
- Approved

Questions/Comments/New Business

- None

Adjournment - Thank you for coming!