



Catawba Springs Elementary PTO
April 7, 2022

Attendees:

Holly Andler, Mrs. Ashford, Adrienne Bumgarner, Whitney Caraccilo, Randy Cole, Kari Ellsworth, Jennifer Harbold, Andrea Harris, Heather Jordan, Samantha Mehrlich, Abigail Melton, Amanda Murphy, Michalle Parks, Amy Peterson, Cindy Petterson, Brittney Probst, Katie Roznovsky, Katie Wilson

Minutes compiled by Andrea Harris.

Action Items	
Holly Andler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Touch base with Tracy Alford, re: PTO Secretary Position
Mrs. Ashford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quote for grounds to be refreshed, specifically around 5th grade hall (larger shrubbery)
Adrienne Bumgarner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determine PTO donation for golf tourney <i>(completed)</i>
Andrea Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create online ballot for 22-24 PTO Officer vote <i>(completed)</i>
Whitney Caracciolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Carl re: YMCA contact, location for 5th grade celebration
Katie Roznovsky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact preschool re: cost/vendor of playground shade
Agreements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transfer \$20,000 to playground fund. TBD: shades, grounds, picnic tables ● PTO will increase the budget for the school store by \$1300 for a total of \$3300 	

Meeting called to order by President Holly Andler @ 6:10pm.

- **Agenda Item: Welcome**
 - Holly welcomed the group and opened the meeting by sharing information on how the ELMS PTO plans their overall budget spending: each year they review the ratio of spending on students and teachers. No action needed at this time, but could be a consideration for future budget years to determine a percentage goal. There was discussion on the increase in the cost of snack carts, luncheons, etc and if teachers would prefer other recognitions. Mrs. Ashford and Mrs. Mehrlich shared that the snack carts and luncheons are really appreciated and they serve as a morale boost as well as a time for teachers to sit down and talk (luncheons).
 - The group also discussed providing all teachers with a \$100 Visa gift card at the beginning of the year versus reimbursing with the supply form/receipts. This idea was received favorably with only one concern of the amount that would be paid in fees to purchase.



- **Agenda Item: PTO Budget Updates / Discussion**

- Approximately \$29,000 in account; the goal is to maintain approximately \$8000 for back to school/fall expenses. \$3500 was made on the Book Fair and provided to Mrs. Webb.
- Playground Shades: quote ranged from \$23-26,000. A fundraiser will be needed to move forward with this project and a Volunteer/Chair is needed to move it forward. Discussion included how this has been a repeated request from teachers and how it will help in preserving/protecting the playground equipment. A vote was taken and all agreed to transfer \$20,000 to the playground fund to hold in reserve. These funds could also be used for other outdoor items such as picnic tables.

- **Agenda Item: Committee Updates**

- *Grounds:* Mulch has been spread, but there is still some to be used/relocated.
- *School Store:* Michalle provided an update on the success of the school store and the need for additional funds. The vote to provide additional funds was approved – an additional \$1300 will be moved to the school store budget line item. In addition the storage cabinet was vandalized and a new solution is needed. The committee will use the staff kitchen for now to keep items secure, and Mrs. Ashford will determine over the summer if there is a free trailer or storage space. If not, the PTO will revisit purchasing a more sturdy storage cabinet to be located in the cafeteria.
- *Teacher Appreciation:* The luncheon will have a Kentucky Derby theme and Britney Probst shared the teacher appreciation schedule. Updates will be posted on the website, shared on social media and a flyer will be sent home in Friday folders. Schedule:
 - Monday: Bring a handmade card or picture
 - Tuesday: Bring a fresh flower
 - Wednesday: Bring a treat / Wear something that is your teacher's favorite color
 - Thursday: Bring your teacher's favorite snack, candy, beverage
 - Friday: Bring a small gift or gift card coffee truck
- *Room Representatives:* Room reps will provide information on Teacher Appreciation week (May 2-6) and find volunteers to cover classrooms during teacher appreciation lunch.
- *5th Grade Celebration:* Celebration will be held May 31. Kathy Davis has emailed volunteers that showed interest in participating. Location is TBD, but looking at Sally's YMCA. Staff helped organize previous ones with games and activities. Lunch will be provided - previously it was pizza or burgers. PTO provides some funds, and donations are taken by class for chips, drinks, etc.



- **Agenda Item: End of Year Activities**

- April 29 - Father/Daughter Dance
- May 5 - PTO Meeting
- May 12 - Mother/Son Baseball game
- May 12 - Golf Tournament
- May 19 - Reading EOG
- May 20 - Science EOG
- May 24 - Math EOG
- May 27 - Fun Day
- May 30 - No School
- May 31 - 5th Grade Celebration
- May 31 - PBIS Rewards
- June 1 - 9:00am 5th Graduation

- **Principal Updates**

- Mrs. Ashford thanked the PTO for all of the support and volunteering.
- New picnic tables are needed. There is a current proposal in development for a local boy scout to build some as part of his Eagle Project. Mrs. Ashford will provide updates to help the group determine next steps.
- The county plans to work on the playground/dirt area this summer. The group shared the frustration of adding dirt and other “band-aids” when a better solution is needed. Downspouts would need to be corrected - remove concrete and run spouts to the water area to prevent flooding.

- **Agenda Item: Questions/Comments/Other:**

- May 5: PTO Meeting
- Officer Vote will be held online and will conclude on May 4
- The group discussed donating some spirit wear/old class t-shirts to the school store. Kids love CSES stickers, etc. Whitney shared the new vendor (BrandUp Apparel) was great to work with: cost was approximately \$8/shirt. Additional vendors that could provide branded items:
 - Stitch Chick Embroidery
 - Digitize4U

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm