



August 20, 2019 Minutes

In attendance Carly Williams, Lauren Cook, Dawn Siebert, Jennifer Canzoneri, Anne Miller, TC Coover, Bridget Winz, Tara Olsen, Becky Mokolke, Lauren Vaclavik, Kendra Boone, Jenna Shaw, Scott Shaw, Kit Neel, Kelly Arterburn, Maureen Courtwright, Heather Claxton, Olivia Anderson, Tom Shuman, Kellie Reinke, Dawn Siebert, Melinda Hafenrichter, Elisa Maldonado, Todd Hillier, Christina Majka, Melissa Turner, Kristen Koridek-Phillips, Leslie Smogor, Wendy Peterson

Meeting started at 6:04 PM.

1. Introduction of the new PTO Board and everyone in attendance.
2. Budget Report- Kristen Koridek-Phillips gave an overview and update on the budget report as the year starts. Heather Claxton motioned to approve the minutes and Jenna Shaw 2nd the motion.
3. Old Business
 - A. Water Bottle Stations- ACES has 3 new water bottle filling stations! The kids and staff are enjoying them.
 - B. Shade Structure- The 2-year project has finally been installed and put up just in time for school to start. The shade structure will give the kids a space to still be outside, but out of the sun if needed. It also gives the teachers an opportunity to use the shade structure for a change of scenery instead of the indoor classroom all day.
 - C. Back to School Splash- The first ever district wide back to school celebrations was a huge success and a ton of fun by all who attended. Over 1800 people purchased and/or RSVP'd. All Yorkville PTO's and BPAC pitched in and were part of the fun. Dr. Tim Shimp gave a great welcome and got the students and teachers ready for an awesome year. A huge thank you to Wendy Peterson for heading this big event! Also thank you to all the parents who helped, volunteered, and made this event possible.
4. New Business
 - A. Spirit Wear- New school year means new spirit wear! The district wide spirit wear sale is going on now online until September 8th. All orders will be delivered the week of homecoming to ACES.

- B. Car Stickers- Vinyl removable car stickers available online and in person for \$5.
 - C. Fall Fundraiser- Kickoff is September 26th and it runs through October 9th.
 - D. National Walk to School Day is October 2nd.
 - E. Halloween Dance for 4th-6th graders will be October 18th after school. Permission slips and collection of money will be turned in early.
 - F. Crosswalk- It is still a work in progress to get the crosswalk either moved or another one added to Autumn Creek Blvd. Thank you to one of our ACES parents who is an alderman and has been working with the city to do what's needed to keep our kids safe.
5. Committee Reports
- A. Box Tops- Kit Neel gave an update to Box Tops and all the other ways you can earn money for the school. Box Tops has a new digital app and they are starting to use the digital box tops instead of the ones where you turn them off of items. This year there will only be 3 collection dates, the first one being October 21.
 - B. Restaurant Night- The first restaurant night of the year is tomorrow at GRACE, don't forget to bring those flyers. Next month is Culver's from 10:30-10 and you will need those flyers as well. Stop by and you never know who will bring your food to you.
6. Principal's Report-
- Melinda Hafenrichter, ACES Assistant Principal started with the mention of the year's theme, #makeitcount, protect the den. The purpose is for the students to be proud to be an ACES fox and to show what it looks like to be a part of ACES. Principal Elisa Maldonado then added, the teachers have started Den Time, each grade level has a goal and they will then choose a reward if they reach that goal. They also started "Z's with the P's". This is a Facebook live event after the PTO meetings and the principal's will read a story to the everyone on Facebook. This year will also be another fun opportunity for the students to see Ms. Maldonado and Mrs. Hafenrichter out of the office and in a more relaxed setting. They will be doing "Classroom Crashers", each week they will crash a new classroom and throughout that week will be different things they will do with that class. The first class that the two will crash is Mrs. Brusak's 6th graders.
- This year will continue with the weekly emails from Ms. Maldonado every Sunday by 5 PM, along with the Den Happenings emails. Positive phone calls will continue as well and quarterly recognition.
- Goals as a building- Building Den Mentality, Growth Mindset, Math & Reading
There are many new faces throughout the building of new teachers.
7. Open Forum
- Todd Hillier one of ACES PE teachers is looking for new games for PE. Lauren Vaclavik brought up an idea and questioned how and if the ACES PTO can offer some help for kids who can't afford to do an extra activity. It would be an opportunity to help protect the den and help out other ACES foxes.

Meeting adjournment 7:37 PM