

## Meeting Minutes Timber Trail PTO April 3, 2023 – TTE Library

**Introduction** – Lindsey welcomed everyone, and an ice breaker is done.

Lindsey thanked everyone for being here and thanked Amy Griffin for the dining for dollars and the Candeeland Fundraiser.

Jessie said that Apple Awards were last weekend and gift cards were given our nominees: Chris Young and Mandy Smith were recognized.

**Principal Update** – Apple Awards were [April 1<sup>st</sup>] Saturday night. This recognized all staff and teachers nominated across the district. CMAS starts tomorrow [April 4<sup>th</sup>] and testing will take place over the next two weeks. Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> is the variety show. Outdoor Ed the first week of May.

**Webmaster Update** – no update, a link for the tickets to the dance will be uploaded this week.

**Treasurer Update** – the budget was passed out. Battle of the Books was paid for, and Miss. Ringenberg was reimbursed.

**Volunteer Update** – There will be a lot of opportunities coming out soon. Sign up Genius will go out for Spring Fling and Field Day. We need help with both still. The May 4th Field Day will be different this year. Volunteers will be needed the day before and earlier in the morning than in previous years. PTO will provide popsicles. If there is a rain delay, it will be rescheduled.

Our last lunch bunch will be in May.

An announcement will go out for a PTO breakfast to thank volunteers, more info to come.

**Spring Fling Update** – The ticketing has been rolled out. There is legislation that is new surrounding raffles. You need a permit a year in advance to raffle. So now we are doing prize drawing tickets. There will not be additional tickets available for sale and instead each ticket receives 10 drawing tickets. There will be lighted flower crowns and rings for sale. Lindsey Marrone with Bliss Bouquet Bar will be partnering with the school on personal flowers. Corsages, boutonnieres, and bouquets will be for sale and a percentage of each sale will come back to TTE. Centerpieces will also be for sale via auction. Links for tickets and flowers will go out in Thursday folders and the blast.

A parent brought up that although ticketing was titled “daughters and their dates” that they are still confused. The parent said they called the front desk and were informed that it was an all-inclusive dance. Another parent brings up that the Specials teachers are telling the students everyone is allowed to go. Michele responded by saying ultimately no one is being turned away. The point is there needs to be clarification that everyone can go but that the event has been marketed as “daughters and their dates”. The dance will be at 6:30 pm to accommodate for dinner plans and all communications will be updated to match the time adjustment.

**Staff Appreciation Update:** April 24-28. Room parent communication and a flyer will go out for families to let them know how they can support. Jessica W. has everything scheduled.

**Room Parents** – Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> is the day that they can drop off the baskets for the Spring Fling. End of year party are to be discussed with the teachers so they can decide what they'd like to do.

**Dining Out/Comm Events Update** – Amy stated that \$202 was made with Mod Pizza at the dining for dollars. The check will be cut soon. We don't have a formal dining event scheduled for April because we are partnering with Pino's for the evening of the dance. Someone suggested the Ridge, but it is counter service only at this time. We also discussed Sushi and Bowls for a future event. Chipotle night will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. Smart Cow is partnering for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Main Event family night is the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and will give 20% back on food, NA beverage, and play.

**Secretary** – March Minutes will go out this week.

**Board Slate** – Jana goes over the nomination rules and the nominees for the 2023-2024 PTO Board.

Nominations are Lindsey Gertz (Co-President), Emily Fera (Co-President), Dawn Medina (Volunteer Coordinator), Desiree Gentile (Treasurer), Claire Bryant (Secretary), and Leah Enquist (Communications and Website Manager).

Alternative nominations are requested. No alternative nominations are given.

The slate will be verbally voted on at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **Questions/Comments**

A parent brings up a “survey” was given to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and that parents were not aware of it in advance. It went over “identity”. Why was this something that the parents were not allowed to opt out of?

Michele responded that racial slurs were used in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Merkle was asked by 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to come in and speak to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders after the incident and to utilize this as an opportunity to discuss the variety of ways people can be different and turn it into a teachable moment. The word “identity” as it was used on the worksheet, was merely the word chosen to encompass all the characteristics of who the students are.

Another parent says this “does not belong in the school” and several parents disagree. It is asked if the parent who brought up the survey/worksheet has spoken with her teacher or Ms. Merkle prior to bringing this up in the PTO meeting. She has not. The suggestion is made that it might be a good idea to reach out to gain further understanding.

**Closing** – The meeting is wrapped up and Lindsey thanks everyone for coming.

### **Attendees:**

Jana Krell (Secretary)

Lindsey Gertz (Co-President)

Emily Fera

Cristina Hulley (Room Parent Coordinator)

Desiree Gentile (Treasurer)

Jenna Wilson

Stephanie Clay

Amy Griffin

Claire Bryant

Michelle Higgins

Cassandra Haney

Elyse Schelin

Jill Alexander

Jessica Woodard

Victoria Ashcraft

Aimee Valuck

Dawn Medina (Volunteer Coordinator)

Jessie Kenny (Co-President)

Michele Radke (Principal)

Erin Scott

Janel Edson

Paige Sanford

Sarah Moore