

## PTO Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Ferry Elementary 2024/2025

7:00pm – Ferry Library

In attendance: Emily Walker, April Blunden, Shannon Fulcher, Sam Vormelker, Sarah Castronova, Nicole Ahee, Mackenzie Holguin, Krystle English, Tori Kin, Jodi Randazzo, Sandy Cameron, Kirk Sattelmeier, Heather Chaperon, Diane Battani, Stephanie Cleland, Jenelle Dellario

1. Introduction and Announcements (Emily Walker)
  - Meeting called to order 7:04pm
  - Meeting attendee introductions and welcome
2. Approval of Minutes
  - May 2024, **Motion: April Blunden; Second: Shannon Fulcher. Approved as written**
3. Financial Report (Jenelle Dellario)
  - **Savings \$43,108**
  - **Checking \$28,591**
    - One pending deposit \$555.99, two outstanding checks for reimbursements to be signed
  - Plan to order additional checks
  - Non-profit filing due 10/1/24, cost \$20 filed annually
  - **2024-2025 budget was approved via electronic vote**
4. Principal Comments (Jodie Randazzo)
  - Assembly during 1st week of school (wrestler)-well received by students and motivational message. ○ Raise craze assembly went well, Raise Craze kindness stickering started this week at school (students caught being kind).
5. Teacher Representatives (Kirk Sattelmeier, Sandy Cameron)
  - Teacher treats and soup bar – Thanks from all teaching staff.
  - Excited to participate in Raise Craze
6. Recruiting/Membership
  - Open positions for 2024/2025
    - i. Beautification chair (outside areas, planting flowers in Spring)
    - ii. Family Fun night chair (did not hold last year, need chair to hold event, if no chair will skip event, consider outside venue like skating rink)
    - iii. Assemblies (need co-chair with Shannon Fulcher)
    - iv. Welcome committee: seeking chair for 2025/2026 school year
    - v. Parents' Night Out (would like to hold event but need chair to run event)
    - vi. Falcon Fest (Carolyn Anderson historically chairs, need 1-2 co-chairs)
    - vii. Any additional interest in helping with co-chairing events, sign up genius/sheets to follow
7. Fundraising/Events and Chairperson Reports
  - Chairperson responsibilities (Stephanie Cleland)
    - i. Keep a binder of info to pass along to future chair (include info, maps, any helpful data)
    - ii. Check request. Money count sheet. Building request forms (would request through Emily when needing space for organizing an event)
  - Fall Fundraiser: Raise Craze (April Blunden)
    - i. Monetary projection trending higher than previous year (\$8,156.00 raised so far, goal \$25,000, 97 kids participating so far, 199 acts of kindness, Mrs. Lucido in lead for acts of kindness and dollars raised) ii. Weekly voluntary student kindness activities during lunch hour (9/27 Sidewalk chalk, 10/4 bag decorating, 10/11 rock painting. <<< Volunteers needed during lunch to help with stations
    - iii. 10/8-Family volunteer night: assembly of sandwiches and bagged lunches
  - Haunted Garage (Nicole Jensen-presented by Emily Walker)
    - i. Sunday, October 6 from 6-9pm
    - ii. Need volunteers in 30 min blocks to help with event
    - iii. Can pre-order tickets ahead of time through school (or online for all & non-Ferry nights)
      1. Not handicap accessible, strollers not allowed, under 16yo needs a chaperone
  - Trunk or Treat (Tori Kin)
    - i. Saturday, October 19, 2024 1-4pm, trunk-or-treating 2 hours and then additional time for fun/games on blacktop

- ii. New this year: Costume contest (Principal Randazzo judging)
        - 1. Gift card prizes: including from Kitty deluxe, sweet dreams, pink elephant cupcakes
        - 2. Coffee truck in parking lot (iced, hot, and milkshakes)
      - iii. New directional foot traffic for student safety and decrease repeated trick-or-treating
      - iv. Sign up Genius to follow
    - o Fall Book Fair (Stephanie Cleland, Sam Vormelker)
      - 1. Held in the Computer Lab
      - 2. Thursday, October 10 for parents only between 9am-6pm
      - 3. October 7-10 students/classes to shop
      - 4. Sign up genius coming out for volunteer sign up
      - 5. Will have e-wallet option for students shopping
    - ii. Scholastic fundraising funds (Approximately \$5,000 remain)
      - 1. One book One school reading project:
        - a. Looking into using scholastic dollars to buy the copies of Charlotte's Web book (Estimated cost \$1,750 total for project)
      - 2. Birthday book comes out of scholastic money (student is allowed to use book vending machine to choose)
      - 3. Possibly using book tokens for incentive for teachers to pass out to students
    - o Glow Dance (Amber Strasz, Val Gjonaj-Presented by Emily Walker): reward/celebration to end Raise Craze fundraiser
      - i. Volunteers needed, sign up genius to follow
8. Board of Education Report (Nicole Jensen-presented by Emily Walker)
  - o November 5 election day
    - i. 4 board seats open
    - ii. Millage pending, would bring in lots of money in sinking fund to schools for improvements
    - iii. League of women voters
9. PTO Council Report (April Blunden)
  - o October 1, 2024 is the first meeting this year. No updates today, will report back at next month's PTO meeting.
10. Communities United In Diversity (Krystle English)
  - o First meeting of the year at Defer – October 18, 2024. No updates for today's PTO meeting. o  
Open to anyone who wants to attend
11. Community Resources
  - o Kevin's Song (Nicole Jensen-presented by Emily Walker)
    - i. Available budget for 3 staff members to attend conference annually
    - ii. 1/23/25-The Inn at St. John in Plymouth, various continuing education offered
  - o The Family Center (Emily Walker)
    - i. No updates for today. Free events held, open to anyone who wants to attend.
  - o GP Foundation for Public Education (Emily Walker)
    - i. No updates for today
12. Old business
  - o Sun shades (April Blunden): product ordered, delayed delivery to installer, estimated 2-day job to install, date pending for installation.
    - i. Fundraised from PTO several years ago, delayed due to covid, has been previously voted on, funds have already been allocated/earmarked for this project and approved.
13. New Business
  - o Falcon's Nest: new website with up to date info on Ferry events, spirit wear, sign up sheets, event details, ticket sales, family directory (Ferrypto.org)
  - o **Proposed vote: If 1 person has more than 1 voting position, they only get 1 vote. If 1 person has more than 1 position but has a co-chair, then the co-chair would get that vote.**
    - i. **Motion to approve: April Blunden; Second: Stephanie Cleland. All in favor: majority voted to support. Passed as proposed above.**
  - o **Update on Ferry Sphere vote to reimburse Ferry family donor: approved via majority rules from electronic/email vote prior to today's PTO meeting.**
  - o Seeking suggestions for new PTO funded projects (ideas proposed by teachers have included chrome computer carts)
  - o Thank you to Carolyn Anderson for all of your hard work for Falcon Fest!

14. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn: Stephanie Cleland; Second: April Blunden. Adjourned at: 8:01pm**
- Next meeting: October 16, 2024