PAW MEETING NOTES  
April 4, 2022

PAW OFFICERS: Sherri Gallus (Co-President), Melissa Feeney (Co-President), Amber Rud (Treasurer), Heidi Ness (Secretary)

1. Attendees: Sherri Gallus, Melissa Feeney, Lyndsey Olsen, Jen Och, Molly Penk, Heidi Ness, Rachel Gauthier, Derek Branton
2. Walk A Thon
   a. Schedules
      i. Date - May 11 with makeup date of May 12
      ii. Time – 8:30-?
         1. Derek to assist with drafting schedule
         2. Will not be doing during specials or during teacher prep time
         3. Could be 50 minutes blocks, starting with walk then free choice time
            a. Grades can overlap with one grade doing walk while another doing activities
         4. Teachers will bring students out at certain times and can help with activities
         5. Preschool does not need to be included in schedule
   b. Volunteers
      i. Several members coordinating with Apollo to line up student volunteers
         1. Lyndsay/Ryan will contact Football, Soccer, and Basketball
         2. Derek will reach out to Hockey
         3. Sherri talked to Justin Skaalerud and they are able to get National Honor Society
      ii. Sign Up
         1. PAW will send out sign up for parent volunteers – need to know schedule first
   c. Activities
      i. Bouncy Houses
         1. We are able to have a bouncy house this year but limit number of kids
         2. PAW follow up with bouncy house company
      ii. Hoola Hoops
      iii. Scoops and Balls
      iv. Sidewalk Chalk
      v. Scratch joint event with PBIS – there is another PBIS street dance at end of year
   d. Prizes
      i. All kids who participate will have a chance to earn a prize but top earners will go into grand prize drawing
      ii. Pie the principal
   e. Treats
      i. Freezies
      ii. Kids bring their own water bottles
   f. Envelopes
      i. Jen drafted a fundraising envelop for keeping track of donations
      ii. Will be printed in color
iii. Design is good, Jen will add boxes for tracking check, cash, venmo and also remove text about donation amount

3. Food truck party instead of picnic
   a. Social event with option to purchase food
   b. Westwood would get x% of profits
   c. Sherri will start reaching out to vendors
   d. Possible trucks
      i. Mr. Twisty
      ii. NorthStar Donut Truck
      iii. Lilys Wings
      iv. Grizzley’s
      v. Kona Ice
      vi. Wandering Cow
      vii. Christine’s Cheesecake
   e. Lunch tables can be rolled out and put in middle of parking lot with trucks around the edge, similar to Trunk or Treat
   f. Target date - May 19th 5:30-7:00
   g. Set ground rules
      i. No pets, scooters, or bikes
      ii. All children must be accompanied by an adult

4. Robotics
   a. Robotics team has been very successful this year and is involved in several out of state competitions
      i. Heading to World’s competition in TX
      ii. Families are raising their own money to get there
      iii. PAW paying registration fees
   b. PAW will look into increasing the budget next year
   c. Other funding ideas
      i. Robotics Team host a tournament, one robotics meet in the past raised $900
      ii. PAW can have a fundraiser specific for robotics
         1. Meat Raffle
         2. Silent Auction
   d. If program gets big enough, maybe look at forming a robotics booster club

5. Teacher Appreciation
   a. May 2nd-6th
   b. Panera delivery
      i. Coffee, bagels, and cream cheese
      ii. Need to have ready by 7:45 am
   c. Will need signup to send to families
   d. How many teachers? 55, close to 100 including paras and counselors

6. Future Fundraising
   a. Signed contract with Believe for next year
   b. Coin Wars
   c. Corporate Sponsorships
      i. Can use template letter to solicit sponsorships – one letter for previous sponsors with thank you, one letter for new sponsors
      ii. Start finding sponsorships now for summer shirt purchasing
      iii. Past Sponsors
         1. Liberty Bank
         2. Toyota
         3. Coborn’s
4. Gilliland
   iv. Other Ideas
      1. PCI and BCI
d. Budget must stay within 50K to retain 501C
   i. Can prepurchase gifts and prizes if needed
   ii. Other ideas if there is a surplus, bringing in entertainment:
      1. Magician
      2. Zookeeper
      3. Penguin night
      4. Yoyo – Rick Rentz
         a. Buy kids yoyos
      5. Mental Health
   iii. Expenses need to be pre-approved
      1. Will need to clarify process and have this be more structured next year
7. Open Discussion
   a. Welcome back party Fall next year
      i. In the past have done ice cream social first week of school
      ii. Least attended function because there is so much going on
      iii. Could maybe just do Trunk or Treat instead
   b. Kindergarten Info Night – May 12
      i. Send out PAW letter to include in welcome packet
      ii. Melissa can set up a table there
      iii. Will include sign-up sheet