

# 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. Lily's 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Zookeepr
      - 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