

Minutes from 11/3/22 – first meeting of Woolslair PTO reactivation committee

Attendees: Erin Childs, Sherilynn Ichimura, Ms. Nicole Lott, Ms. Heather Laurent, Heather Page, Nicole Simonian, Annette Hall, Amy Byerly, Sonja Smith, Sarah Zangle

Erin opened meeting with introductions and slideshow (thank you!) Slideshow content bulleted below:

- Goals for the group/possible PTO
 - Support and enrich kids
 - Support teachers and staff
 - Advocate for the school
 - Fundraise
- Possible ways to help/volunteer/contribute
 - Academic activities: steam night, school assemblies, field trips, tutoring options, fifth grade graduation
 - Other activities: bingo night, movie night, theme night, get togethers, 125th school celebration
 - School/building needs: uniform closet organization, student directory, weekly news and reminders email, school improvements (playground)
 - Teacher/staff needs: lunch and recess monitors, in class reading, special events (field day; dads to school day), field trip chaperons, before/after school activities
 - Miscellaneous tasks: room representatives, prep paperwork, paw store upkeep, starting new projects
- Recognition of teachers' hard work:
 - Teacher appreciation week
 - Wish lists: small and large items
 - Random appreciations
- Advocate (work with school board)
 - Garden
 - Playground
 - Steam lab resources
 - Speak up for Woolslair for future plans
- Fundraising
 - Arrange sales: saris candy, Zroni sales, spirit wear, book fair, school night at a restaurant
 - Direct sales: concessions, trickets (for self or send to friends), special food
 - Fun Runs / Read-a-thon (or other-a-thon)
 - Penny Wars, Silent Auction / Basket raffle

Interested parents can help by:

- Volunteer at a single event
- Have a weekly time commitment at the school
- Bring new ideas to the group/PTO (once formed)
- Collect donations/help fundraise
- To volunteer in school, must meet criteria as outlined here:
<https://www.pghschools.org/volunteering>

Discussion points of the meeting:

- ✓ Volunteering at the school can currently be set up by contacting Ms. Laurent or your homeroom teacher directly. They would love help!!!!
- ✓ Interest in re-activation of PTO
 - Amy/Erin/Heather going to look at previous by-laws
 - Outline process of how to get Woolslair PTO back up and running
- ✓ Specific goals for this year
 - Re-activate PTO
 - Create PTO website/fb page/email
 - Try to do one thing every month for students
 - Create student/family directory
 - Run at least 3 fundraisers
 - Possibly start with a Bingo Night in January... some details discussed about having raffle baskets, pizza and other concessions, will need to hash out what will be free and what will be charged for
 - Begin to have bigger advocacy presence in school district
 - Teacher appreciation week as must do for this year
- ✓ **NEXT STEPS/DATES**
 - **Thursday, November 10: Planning night for December Winter Social**
 - **Nicole S. heading up planning**
 - **Tuesday, November 15: PTO creation planning meeting**
 - **Amy and Erin with information regarding process/expectations**
 - **Thursday, December 1: Winter Social and craft event for students and families**