

Meeting Minutes- January 19, 2023



6:36 Call to order

Welcome and Opening remarks

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Currently \$2,355.24 in funds.
- No income. No expenses.

Leadership Report with Mr. Raper, Mr. Mansueto, Ms. Swafford-Cook and Mr. Robertson:

- Mr. Raper-
  - Discussed how Mr. Hubbard had decided to return to the classroom when the need arose and introduced Mr. Robertson who came from Soddy Daisy Middle School. He will be over at the High School now.
  - The field trip to Jekyll Island went well- the students had a great time.
  - Tutoring is going well. Kids have been rotating in as needed.
  - Ivy hired a new nurse.
- Mr. Mansueto discussed the positive referral program. Staff is giving away a free lunch once a week. The program really emphasizes positivity in school.
- Ms. Swafford-Cook shared:
  - The second half of dual enrollment had started at the high school.
  - The pilot program through Chatt State for Environmental Science will be at Ivy.
  - The new building will be usable in the next few weeks.
  - Soccer will start soon. A few kids have signed up to play soft ball through Soddy Daisy as well. There are kids doing Tennis through Hixson. Archery has started their practices as well.
  - They will be breaking ground on the new career center across the street soon. It will have green houses, barn spaces and pastureland. There will also be 3 portables placed for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Skillern Elementary after Spring Break.
  - Approximately 3-4 years to completion.
- Mr. Robertson shared that he's been with the students for about 3 weeks now and he is really enjoying it. He loves Ivy and he's glad to be here.
- Sammi Stoklosa informed that the Cumberland Trail Festival and Running with Sasquatch will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will be in charge of the event and utilize her local connections within the trail

running community. There will be meetings every Wednesday at Ivy (and zoom) to plan and coordinate efforts.

- The trail is 3.4 miles.
- Those interested in helping should join a committee.
- Come to the meetings on Wednesdays.
- Donate SWAG
- Donate to the Auction.
- Share the event on social media.
- Bring in Vendors.
  
- Mr. Raper- We might need PTO assistance in funding 10-12 runners.
  - In 2022 the PTO funded the whole Couch to 5k Club and several other scholarships were awarded.
  - The 2022 event had 232 participants.
  
- David Henderson emphasized the need for committees so that no one individual gets overwhelmed. In addition to the chair for the auction there is a need to form committees and someone to coordinate with teachers for themed baskets.
  - We currently have the following committees:
    - PTO Growth in Membership
    - Fundraising
    - Teacher Appreciation
    - Cumberland Trail Festival and Auction
    - On campus events and hospitality
  
- Rachel Swafford Cook- Melissa Meece has a spreadsheet of past business donations to help with what and who to solicit donations from for the Auction.

Question: How many people are joining online?

Answer: 2

Question: What percentage of parents are in PTO?

Answer: Unsure of that number.

- Discussion on making sure that the parent are informed of current PTO meetings.
  - Mr. Raper shared that this meeting was on the school's front sign and it has been in the weekly announcements. Additionally an email went out earlier in the day.
  - The suggestion came that we can make flyers again and pass them out.

- Melanie Blaine will create all of them ahead of time and send them to Mr. Mansueto for distribution.
- It was suggested that we create an event – maybe for the kids specifically, and then have the PTO drive to attract more parents as members and get them involved.

Closing Remarks by David Henderson, thanks for attending.

7:29 pm Adjourn