

## **Nerstrand Elementary School PTO Minutes - Meeting Date: 8-21-17**

**Attendees:** Pamela McDowell, Dana Cook, Mary Morgan, Amy Voight and Cara Waddell

- Discussed babysitters for Thursday's open house and asking Edison Waddell and Madeline McDowell to do it
- Pam will update directory and e-mail Barb for help
- Money - We currently have:
  - Checking: \$6,000
  - Savings: \$ 26,000Expenses for the year are approximately \$21,000.
- Looking at what we can do to help our budget to insure we make enough to support the school. Things we need money for are:
  - Wolf Ridge
  - Children's Theater
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
  - Prairie Field trip
- Maggie is going to talk about field trips at the next staff meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be selling calendars to raise money for their Wolf Ridge trip.
- Maggie informed us that we can talk about the upcoming school bond. She discussed when and when we cannot talk about it and what we can do to tell people about it.
- Maggie is working on getting a 5 mile radius variance making it possible for children who live within 5 miles our school to attend automatically.
- The Women's Club in town wants to start up a backpack meal program
- Maggie is working on connecting more with the Big Woods and trying to meet there more
- Maggie informed us that the school is updating their math curriculum
- The school purchased about 20 chrome books
- The school is working on getting more WiFi access points
- Maggie would like to talk about smart boards more
- Mike got the playground fixed so it will drain and not have large puddles when it rains
- The Woodland are updating their science kits
- Pam is waiting for book fair dates for the fall
- Discussed possibly having a hanging basket fundraiser in the spring
- Want to have a Hog Roast the school year of 2019-2020 for sure. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our school
- Randy's Meats is our next fundraiser
- Carnival will be January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Wolf Ridge January 29<sup>th</sup>
- Sock Hop is March 2<sup>nd</sup> and spring break is March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Next Meeting – Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at Nerstrand Elementary**