

Pierce Elementary PATS Meeting
January 25, 2022

**Attendees: Katie Prince- President, Kate Siebrandt- Vice President, Maria Becker- Treasurer,
 Kristi Brummels- Secretary, Lisa Neal, Brandy Price, Jessica Jensen, Erika Wolken**

Agenda Item	Notes/Comments
Call to Order	
Secretary's Report	Kristi provided a summary of the November 2021 meeting minutes. Erika motioned to approve the report. Brandy seconded. Report approved.
Treasurer's Report	Maria provided a summary of the treasurer's report. Brandy motioned to approve the report. Erika seconded. Report approved.
Meeting location	We will plan to hold the February PATS meeting at The Legion at 6:30 pm.
Cookie Dough Sales	Overall, cookie sales went well. Some items were substituted without our knowledge due to COVID and supply issues. One person stated that she did not receive her order. Katie and Maria are checking into this.
Boot Bags	Boot bags were ordered for this school year but we are still looking into purchasing a higher quality bag for next year.
Crosswalk Lines	The city repaints crosswalk lines on the street every summer. The school board stated that they will take care of the repainting of the crosswalks in the bus lane. We will follow up with them on a tentative date.
Tax Exempt Status	Maria will check with Melissa Holan regarding the process of applying for an EIN. It is not likely that we can achieve tax exempt status prior to purchasing playground equipment. If this is the case, we will see if the school can purchase the equipment and allow us to reimburse them.
December Movie Day Changes	Suggestions for next year's movie day include separating the grades into different rooms, ordering four large bags of popcorn, and providing juice boxes instead of bottles with lids for the younger grades.
Snack Sales	The next snack sale is Friday, February 11 th at 2:00 pm. Nicole Baumann volunteered to help with this event.
Chocolate Bar Fundraiser	A survey will be sent to parents to determine the amount of interest in this fundraiser. The results will assist us in determining if a chocolate bar fundraiser should be held and how many boxes we would need to order from the company. Ideally the fundraiser would be held before Easter.
Shed Purchase	Kristi motioned to approve the purchase of a shed from the high school for the preschool playground. Maria seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. A check for \$2,625 will be paid to the high school. The shed will be moved to the elementary on February 18 th .

Playground Project	PATS is willing to donate up to \$18,000 for playground improvements. Kate is working on a grant application for the 150 th anniversary committee to secure additional funds. The playground committee will meet on February 7 th to discuss equipment options and playground needs. On a separate note, the high school does a community service day each year. We will mention playground cleanup as a project for them.
6th Grade Graduation	Brandy, Jessica and Erika will serve on the 6 th grade graduation committee. The event will be discussed at our February meeting.
Snack Cart for Teachers	PATS will provide teachers with breakfast on Monday, February 14 th .
Spirit Sales	The next spirit sale will be held on Friday, February 11 th . Proceeds will be donated to the Clausen family.
Monet with My Lady	"Monet with My Lady" is a paint workshop in which girls and a female relative complete a piece of artwork. It was suggested as an idea for a future school activity.
Dr. Josh Turek Presentation	We would still like Dr. Turek to provide a presentation regarding behavioral health. Lisa mentioned having an event at the Pierce Fairgrounds or the high school with different breakout sessions covering topics such as special education, parent-teacher initiatives, social media, and IEP. This would possibly be done late spring. Brandy will check with Dr. Turek regarding his schedule. Brooklee Tynes was mentioned as a possible presenter and the Nebraska State Patrol was suggested for social media.
Miscellaneous	It was suggested that we order kindergarten t-shirts for their graduation in May.
Meeting Adjournment	Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brandy seconded. Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22 nd .