

Minutes of the Cottonwood PTO Meeting

October 18th, 2022

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Attendance: Katie Nguyen, Shari Rooks, Rachael Neibling, Carrie Lindemann, Katy Miller, Kim Vining, Melissa Swartz, Lindsey Doll

2. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Principal's Report

- i. 418 students in the building as of today. 5 new kids have come since the beginning of the school year.
- ii. For the Fundraiser 227 students returned envelopes or money
- iii. Field Trips - Busses are always a need for field trips. Everyone is going at some point, but 4th and 5th grade have gone. There are also other field trips planned for each grade throughout the year.
- iv. AR parties are on 10/19. Snack and games are planned
- v. Explorations are starting on Thursday for 1st - 5th grades. Teachers are leading them for the students.(Kindergarten will join 2nd semester)
- vi. Blue Ribbon Award
 - 1. AHS and AMS students have been invited to help with the festivities
 - 2. The band will come and play for the students
 - 3. Brett White, Jill Hodge, and others are coming over to talk with students.
 - 4. Students are also getting blue sunglasses and a ribbon to tie on the fence.
 - 5. There will be other activities for students to participate in.
 - 6. Mrs. Rooks and Mrs. Davis will represent the school at the Blue Ribbon Award Conference
- vii. October 31st will also have an open house. They will talk with Mrs. Rooks and tour the building.
- viii. Nov. 1st –There will be a milking cow at the school to help finish the Kindergarten unit on farms. The whole school will be getting to see the cow and milking demonstration.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. The same balance sheet was given as last month.

3. New Business

a. Non-a-thon

- i. The non-a-thon did very well. The total collected was will be revealed on Friday to students and staff.
- ii. Teachers will be asked to write grants for things they want in their classrooms. We will look over those next month.
- iii. Ideas for money use:
 - 1. Playground equipment - spinning bowls, gaga ball pit, double swing
 - 2. Teacher Grants
 - 3. Fully Funding Busses for field trips/field trip expenses

b. Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Events

- i. Do we want a combined event?
- ii. Maybe have a survey about what people want and are they willing to help
- iii. The ideas of carnival or family fun night were discussed as well.

c. Holiday Spirit Wear

- i. A few options will be available for purchase before Christmas break.

d. Next Meeting

- i. November 15th at 7 pm