

**Pioneers for Education (PFE)
Meeting Minutes
August 23rd, 2021 6:30pm
High School (Classroom next to Library)**

Attendees			
Brad Earley-President	Matt Reichert - Vice President	Joey Iwen- Secretary	Shannon Pakorski- Treasurer
Nicole Duros - Communications Chair	Drew Wagner - Principal	PJ Mallette - asst / interim principal	Mike Mallette - HAL teacher
Ally Romans - Teacher & Parent	Denise Work - Parent	Amy Evanich - Parent	Melissa Bryan - Parent

Item:	Responsible Party:	Discussion:	Follow up:
Call meeting to order	Brad Earley	Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm	
Introduction of 2021-2022 School Year Officers	Brad Earley	President- Brad Earley (2nd yr), VP- Matt Reichert (new), Treasurer - Shannon Pokorski (2nd yr), Secretary - Joey Iwen (2nd yr), Communications Chair - Nicole Duros (new)	
Approval of 5/17/21 Meeting Minutes	Joey Iwen	Minutes from 5/19 meeting presented - moved to approve by Joey Iwen, 2nd by Shannon Pokorski	
Approval of PFE Bylaws for 2021-22 school year	Joey Iwen	No changes - just addition of current officers' names	
2021-2022 School Year Overview & Recap	Brad Earley	Discussed the calendar items of what recently happened & what's coming up. PFE delivered drinks district wide on the first day teachers were back in their classrooms. Also Back-to-school night food for staff at elementary. Some things may return as normal this year for events, Covid may influence plans on others. Walk-a-thon kicked off, Summer Bridge Party, Homecoming float, Donuts with Mom, Mother Son Event up in the air for when & details of event, Sweetheart dance may be Feb, changes we might be making to Carnival to be movie night with things added before that are family fun (bounce house, face painting, food truck, etc)	We will need to make a date and decide what we will do for the summer bridge party for those who complete it. Doing take home instead of icecream party to limit volunteers in the building for Covid. We still need chairs for some events.
Administration Update	Drew Wagner	Thanked PFE for the nice gesture of Scooters on the first day back in their classrooms. Said as of now, Walk-a-thon will still include parent participation outside walking, but health directives could change with Covid changes. As of now, Homecoming activities planned as normal. New Covid guidelines on school website, and Fridays will still have updates on numbers. Playground project approved, don't know particulars yet.	
Playground Project Vote & Updates	Brad Earley	PFE voted and approved donating \$15,000 to the playground resurfacing project at the Elementary School. The city is paying \$15K, and the school is paying the remainder. It's been a real hazard and they are glad that this is finally approved to move forward. Might start Sept 1, probably 2 week project.	

Back to School Night Recap	Joey Iwen	PFE sponsored the food truck (Calhoun Market which is locally owned by Nicole Swanson, FC alum) for staff this year instead of the normal reception due to not having enough time for teachers to leave this year. Staff could get sandwiches, chips, a drink, and ice cream (or combination of). We had a table with info for PFE membership & walk-a-thon table to get shirt sizes & volunteer signup set up by truck. The truck sold ice cream to kids & families during the evening and it was a nice addition. Asked for feedback from Staff & they liked it, nice that it was local.	
Corporate Sponsorship	Brad Earley	Corporate Sponsorship is in full swing- officers will be delivering some in person & mailing others. Sponsorship can be monetary or in-kind products for events. 4 Levels of sponsorship.	Officers & Sponsorship chair will get donations.
Walk-a-thon Update	Shannon Pokorski	Walk-a-thon fundraising has already kicked off. After week one, have already raised over \$5000, which is a record! Students will be raising money for another month, prizes given out each week as well as items to each person each week with qualifying donations. Coin drive is Sept 1-10th. T-Shirt orders (sizes for kids & any adult or extra shirt orders) must be in by 9/26	
Membership Drive	Joey Iwen	We've already had a lot of membership sign-ups so far this year which is great! Also, some staff has signed up from the Elementary School as well. We aim to get 40% participation rate in each class, there will be awards given to classes at the end of the membership drive (ends Oct 1). It's been really great to have the online option to sign up & pay online this year.	
Event Chair Opportunities	Brad Earley/Joey Iwen	Still looking for event chairs for some events. Explained there's info & help from the past chair, plus an officer assigned to each event to help. We have lists of members' interests in events to help from the membership sign up sheet, which is useful to get help.	Will recruit chairs through meetings, FB, explain what's involved.
Upcoming Events : Summer Bridge Celebration & Homecoming Parade	Officers	Summer Bridge Celebration- discussed with Mr. Wagner, since we don't know what could change with Covid & since there's a no visitor policy during school hours, that we should not do the ice cream sundae party for those that completed the summer bridge book & turned in their certificates. Will do ice cream coupons or goody bags to give to teachers to pass out in class for kids to take home. We will need to make a committee for the float. We should still have items we made for the float from 2 years ago when the parade was cancelled due to cold. Theme? Maybe United We Learn - that is the Elementary theme this year. Or just black & orange & Pioneers. Last time members' kids made posters & got a candy bar & members kids had the option to ride on the float.	Nicole will get announcement out to provide notice to turn in certificates, Joey & Nicole to work on prize. Taylor Quick Pik provided coupons last year, check with them first. Joey will check to see if big PFE letters are still in storage at the school. Joey has orange & black fringe that was going to be used 2 years ago. Will need to create a committee to plan, secure truck & trailer.

Financial Report	Shannon Pokorski	Updated financial sheet updated - Money spent was for Back to School Night Food Truck, Back to School Coffees, & Scholarship winner. Have a lot that wasn't used last year due to Covid cancelling most things. Current balance is \$35,935.43	
Open Discussion		Discussed getting something together to market PFE better, explain what it is (Video?), get out to parents of new students/preK/Kindergarten, since we weren't able to speak at/ have Kindergarten roundup the past 2 years b/c of Covid. Also discussed potential of getting new PFE shirts made.	
Prize Drawing	Joey Iwen	Drew a name from the non-officer or Admin team that was in attendance - winner was Ali Romans. She won a Pioneer popsocket. Also drew a name from those that had already signed up for membership, and Sherry McGlade won.	Joey will get the popsocket to Sherry & make announcement.
Meeting Adjourned	Brad Earley	Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM	
Officers Meeting	Officers	Officers met for ½ hour to discuss planning -	meeting scheduled for 9/1 at 6:30 for officers to go over plans, redistribute duties with new VP.