

**Fort Calhoun PFE
General Meeting Minutes
Fort Calhoun High School Library
October 30, 2023**

Call to order (Points of order).....Chris

Roll Call & Introductions.....Chris

Officers: Chris Roberts, Shannon Pokorski, Jami Biodrowski, Amy Evanich

Staff: Drew Wagner, Ashlie Nelson

All others: Sarah Nichols

Review of Minutes/Correspondence.....Jami

- September Minutes Approved
- Thank You cards from staff for various gifts

Financial Report.....Shannon

- **GiveButter:**
 - All walk-a-thon and membership dues have been transferred and deposited as of today
 - Deactivate Campaign Links (Jami will follow up with these tasks) -
 - Keep membership campaign link active
 - Ensure all other campaign links are deactivated (11/1: Done)
 - Does a campaign have to be in-active to transfer funds? (11/1:No)
- **Banner:**
 - reprinted due to spelling errors of Corporate Sponsors
- **Payments due:**
 - Donuts with mom - Reimbursement request received today
 - Scholastic Book Fair book donations - Mr. Wagner will confirm who to write check to
 - All others are paid for and up to date - i.e. Walkathon shirts, Dr. Adler speaker fee, Great Race, teacher requests, etc

School Administration Updates.....Drew Wagner

- **Morning/Donuts with Mom:**
 - Setting up night before went well, keep this for the future
 - Mis-communication with childcare program, Mr. Wagner will ensure they are communicated to for the future
 - Mr. Green photographed
- **Teacher Requests:**
 - Procedure Clarification -
 - First, Teachers will submit request to Mr. Wagner
 - Ensure it's not something they have already

- Ensure if it's something already in the school budget
 - Next, Mr. Wagner will forward any requests that cannot be met to PFE for consideration.
- **Other Updates**
 - Picture Retake - November 7
 - Thanksgiving Feast - 2 weeks from tomorrow
 - Father-Daughter Dance -
 - February 10 at Elementary gym is approved
 - Mr. Wagner will check to see when we can have access to the gym to set up/decorate
 - Mother - Son Kickball Tournament -
 - April 13 with April 20th as rain date is approved
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences -
 - 99% turnout
 - PBIS Prizes -
 - No new requests or needs

Teacher/Staff Requests.....Ashlie Nelson

Request: Nebraska Game and Parks classroom fishery program

- Estimated total cost approximately \$1,000
- Requesting as much as PFE can give, preferably at least 1/3 of the cost, more is appreciated.
- Plan to seek private funds/grants or use the science curriculum budget for the remaining amount.
- **What it Pays for:**
 - Initial supplies to start a classroom mini fishery. Examples of some items includes:
 - 55 gallon tank (most expensive component),
 - Chiller,
 - Trout Rearing Kit,
 - Fish eggs
 - Water testing equipment, experimental equipment, and other tools required to study the water and fish.
 - Trout to dissect
 - Curriculum
 - Teacher Training provided by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
 - Teacher Support and equipment maintenance provided by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- **Future expenses for this program:**
 - School plans to include these expenses into science budget, so at this time, not requesting funds from PFE for these expenses:
 - \$100 - \$200 each year covers:
 - Equipment maintenance

- Supply replenishment (eggs, testing strips, etc)
 - Nebraska Game & Parks teacher support
 - Field Trip
 - Trout Dissection
- **Goal of this program:**
 - To teach students biology, aquaponics, fishery science, anatomy, biology, ecology, water chemistry etc.
 - Engage students in something that interests them (ie. fishing, hunting etc)
 - Students will be able to count and track each egg and fish while also doing other scientific monitoring and experiments of water chemistry, biology, aquaponics, etc to ensure a healthy harvest of fish
 - Once fish are grown, students get to go off-site to a fishery or pond/lake and let them out into the wild.
 - Students will also get to dissect trout that Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will provide. These are trout harvested from Nebraska fisheries and ponds.
- **Why this program:**
 - It is difficult to engage male youth (at Fort Calhoun) in math and science, but teachers have noticed a strong interest in hunting, fishing, etc. so the hope is this will help captivate students and improve learning.
 - Last year, Fort Calhoun implemented curriculum into science focused around aquaponics, fishery science, and fish dissection which seemed to engage and captivate students.
 - This program would take this to an even more in-depth level.
- **Timeline:**
 - November -
 - Teacher training
 - Ashlie has already been accepted
 - December or sooner -
 - Tank needs to be acquired to fill it and balance the water chemistry
 - Water chemistry must be balanced for at least a month before eggs
 - January -
 - Eggs arrive
- *Officers will review the budget and contact Ashlie how much it can contribute.*

Dispatch Article & Corporate Shout Outs.....Amy

- Amy will begin corporate shout outs on social media soon
- Will reach out to each sponsor prior

Membership Update.....Jami/Shannon

- Will do one more Membership push
- Membership Incentive:
 - Drawing for front row seats at one of the following events (approx. 6 seats):

- December 12 - elementary concert
 - December 14 - junior/senior high school concert
 - December 17 - band junior/senior high concert
 - Chris will confirm teachers/principals are okay with this
- Membership drive will Close November 30
 - Deactivate Membership Campaign on givebutter - Jami will do

Mornings with Mom.....Amy

- Chair: Krissy Jorgensen
- 45 dozen with a little
- 4 orange juices were left over
- Coffee - either Scooters or Krissy donated
 - Amy will follow up to see who and ensure there is a sign identifying & thanking the donor
- Lines -
 - There wasn't a long line, but there was a line at Donuts with Dad last spring
 - What was different?
 - Double table set up?
 - Picture booth on opposite wall?
 - Set up Donuts with Dad the same as Morning with Mom in the spring.

One Book One School.....Chris

- January - order form will go out to parents to get orders complete
- Charlotte's Web
- Mrs. Romans will oversee at school

Other upcoming events.....Chris

- Mother/son event
 - Chairs: Kelli BenSalah, Kelly Arterburn
 - Kickball Tournament
 - April 13 with April 20th as rain date
 - Time TBD
 - At Jaycee Field with T-Ball Field as back up - Chris will follow up with Jamie S. to reserve the field(s)
- Father/daughter dance
 - Chairs: Sara Nicols, Liz Springer
 - February 10
 - At Elementary School
 - 7pm - 9pm
 - For pre-school to 6th grade
- Carnival - April 26

Open Questions & Discussion.....Chris

- All answers to questions and discussions were documented in the respective section above.

Adjournment.....Chris