**Pioneers for Education (PFE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 18th, 2019 6:30pm**

**Fort Calhoun High School Library**

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| Attendees | | | |
| Denise Work-President | Sarah Tinkham- Vice President | Michelle Dill- Treasurer | Natalie Cummings- Secretary |
| Ronee Christensen-Communications Coordinator | Joey Iwen- Staff Appreciation Chair | Andrea Totten- Colorcycle & assembly Chair | Drew Wagner-Elementary Principal |
| Allie Schleifer- 4th Grade Teacher | Katie Omer- 4th Grade Teacher | Lindsay Benoit- 4th Grade Teacher | Chris Roberts- Walk-a-thon chair |
| Joshua Freivald | Melissa Bryan | Amy Melville | Amanda Nelson |

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| **Item:** | **Responsible Party:** | **Discussion:** | **Follow up:** |
| Call meeting to order | Denise Work | Meeting called to otder at 6:34pm |  |
| Approval of 9/15/19 Meeting Minutes | All | Minutes from September approved. |  |
| 4th Grade Funds Request-Books | Allie Schleifer, Katie Omer, & Bailey Beacom | The 4th grade teachers were present and requested $369.51 to purchase 12 copies of 5 different books. These books are to be used for classroom reading for many years. The members and officers present agreed to this request. | Mrs. Schleifer will get back to the PFE with the cost for ordering a few more of each book to accommodate for the growing class sizes at Fort Calhoun.  UPDATE: Original request to be granted. |
| Homecoming Float | Denise Work | The parade was canceled this year due to cold temperatures. Most of the supplies purchased were repurposed into donuts with mom and membership prizes. We had over 24 kids make posters supporting us and the school. | The PFE has lots of positive feedback and will revisit this again next year.  Thank you so much to all the helping hands involved! |
| PFE Scholarship | Denise Work | Last year PFE started the process of updating the scholarships. Denise Work along with Lindsay Benoit will continue to work on this to get it ready for the class of 2020’s scholarships. | Denise & Lindsay will meet and have an update for the January meeting. |
| Scholastic Book Fair | Denise Work | At the September meeting the officers and members voted to give $50 to all classroom and special service Elementary teachers. We had 22 teachers purchase a total of 148 books. Total spent was $1,047. | Favorable response to giving books to all teachers. No concerns. |
| Box Tops | Denise Work | Lindsay Benoit and the student council with the help of Alicia Minow are collecting box tops. They are also collecting Family Fare receipts and Our Family brand bar codes. | Please turn these in at anytime to the school or classroom teacher. Every penny adds up to help support the student council! |
| Membership Drive | Natalie Cummings | Our goal for family memberships this year was 40%. We didn’t hit that but were close with 38%. Congrats to our top two grades 6th grade at 44% and 2nd grade at 42%! Kindergarten and 3rd grade also hit 40% goal. What is also very exciting is that 5/8 of the grades have 100% teacher memberships!!! | Thank you to all who have already became members, and for those that haven’t there is no deadline so join today!!! |
| Donuts with Mom | Natalie Cummings | We hosted Mornings with Mom on 10/18. We served over 550 donuts! These events depend on volunteers and we only had two dads that volunteered this time. A HUGE thank you to those dads and moms that gave up their morning to volunteer. |  |
| School Carnival | Ronee Christensen | The school carnival is scheduled for April 17th. We still do not have a chair for this event. The previous chair Amy Melville has done a fabulous job for the past few years and will help train the new chair. Many people love this event, but it can not happen without a volunteer. | If you would like to chair the carnival please contact the PFE asap!  UPDATE: If a chair is not determined for the carnival by January 15, it will not continue. This will be discussed further at the January PFE meeting. |
| Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Events | Ronee Christensen | Ronee Christensen has put in a TON of work and we are excited to announce that there will be 2 Elementary dances this winter! The sock hop for boys and the Sweetheart dance for girls. These will take place in February 2020. We are needing 3 additional committee members to help organize and plan these events! | Mark your calendars and contact us to volunteer or donate! |
| Assemblies | Andrea Totten, Sarah Tinkham | The PFE has budgeted for two assemblies/speakers to come to the school. Our previous plans have fell thru and we are looking for ideas! If you know of a great one let us know. | A few ideas were thrown out and Denise and Sarah T will be looking into those for pricing and availability. |
| Merchandise Sales | Sarah Tinkham, Denise Work | We are tired of fundraisers how about you!?!?! We are taking a break this year from merchandise sales, but we have 3 remaining pop sockets from last year available. They are $10 each, please contact us to buy one or all! Great stocking stuffers. | Ideas for easy fundraisers are always welcome. |
| PFE Garage Sale | Sarah Tinkham | Sarah Tinkham proposed a PFE Garage Sale with the dates possibly being during or right after the FC city wide sales. Feedback was positive. | Sarah will bring an official proposal to the January meeting. |
| Scrip | Andrea Totten, Michelle Dill | The Scrip program is up and running and we have had a few people already participate! This costs you nothing but sends a % of every gift card you purchase to the PFE. Any questions contact Andrea Totten or the PFE. This is a year-round program so order anytime! |  |
| Walk-a-thon Final Report | Michelle Dill | The grand total for the Walk-a-thon this year was $12, 988.06! That is $988.06 more than 2018! Thank you to all who participated, and we hope you loved your kiddos new t shirts and prizes! |  |
| Corporate Sponsorship | Michelle Dill | We had an awesome turnout for our corporate sponsors this year with a few new companies! Our grand total raised is $10,300 which is $2,300 more then 2018! Please see our website for the complete list of sponsors and support these business as they support our kiddos! |  |
| Art Program | Michelle Dill | Sessions 1 and 2 of the Art after school program sold out! Sessions 3 & 4 will be opening up for registration in December! |  |
| Completed Events  Walkathon 9/20  Art Program Sessions 1 & 2  Donuts with Mom – 10/18 | All | Thank You to Our Walk-a-thon committee members: Liz Wayne, Teresa Dowling, Dara Waters, Chris Roberts, and Tracy Wimmer.  Thank you to our Donuts chair Cortney Raether! |  |
| Upcoming Events | Denise Work | * PFE Meeting- January 20th, 2020 6:30pm * Art After School Session 3 Jan 8th-29th * Art After School Session 4 Feb 3rd-24th |  |
| Financial Report | Michelle Dill | Financial Reports were present at the meeting. To receive a copy please contact the PFE. |  |
| Administration Update | Drew Wagner | Expressed appreciation for the PFE and all that is done for the school. Stressed importance of communication when organizing new and continued events. |  |
| Meeting Adjourned | Denise Work | On time for the first time ever! 😊 Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm |  |

Following many meetings, issues are left to the officer team for further research and discussion or a final decision. These items, if determined at the time the minutes are published, will be listed as UPDATE by the agenda item.