Warner PTO General Meeting

* Ashley Kelly opened the meeting to all of the parents present in the cafeteria and on the zoom call. She also introduced all of the Board Members that were present
* Alejandra Wang: Discussed the Treasurer Report and March 7, 2024 which included the PTO Budget (see PTO Meeting Outline). She also discussed the fact that the Tax Penalties that were forgiven by the IRS!

**Old Business**

* Last year’s Fall Festival was discussed
* The plans on for Pie Spike win the face with me in April.
* We will continue to raise funds for the new Shade and looking for other vendors to provide the Shade.
* Both Dance brough in $6,000 each
* Received feedback on what to do to make the Holiday Party better.
* Field Trips – Chaperons are at a demand high and we are working on ways to make sure that it is an equal opportunity for parents to sign up.

**New Business**:

* The application to be a Board Member of the PTO is coming out in March and parent must be in good standings.
* Helpers for the *Lost in Found* are needed and items that are not picked up on or before March 8, 2024 will be donated to charity.
* About $3,000 is being spent on each grade level and about $18,000 is being spent on the 5th grade.
* No student will be left out of the 5th grade events
* Discussed why not all grades get to go on field trips
* This year 5th grade will also get a Field Day event
* In March is the opportunity to sign up for PTO planned events for next year.
* Discussed why the Father/Son Fishing and Mother Daughter Picnic were canceled, which was due to no parent wanted to chair the event.
* Discussed all of the Sprit Nights and Shops that are setup.
* 5th grade students will decorate the Marco’s Pizza Boxes and then will be able to purchase pizza in the box that they decorated.
* There will be more positions added to the Board Member List
* Jessica: Discussed the Read a Thon which will be our 2nd Major Fundraiser and it kicks off March 18th
* Fundraising Goal has not been met in the last few years.
* We are losing funds that helped pay for educational resource, that were given due to COVID and 35K is our Goal for next year.
* Discussed the prizes that will be given out during the Read a Thon.
* Encouraged parents to sign up to deliver prizes on the 3 days of the Read a Thon.

**Field Day:**

* Discussed that field day will last for 1 ½ hours per grade level.
* Help is need from parent volunteers for the events at Field Day.
* 2nd grade will have a field trip this year at The Health Museum and the sign up announcement will be coming a month before the field trip.
* Mad Science and Space Day is opened to parents.

**Reponses to Membership Questions**:

* Events that happen next year are voted on in the General PTO Meeting and
* The By Laws changed due to lack of PTO Members.
* Send your ideas in April so that they can be decided and voted on in June.
* Membership can vote on the budget, the financing, how is spent and the items are voted on at the beginning of the year during the first PTO General Meeting.
* PTO pays for a large amount of the learning programs that the students log in on their computers for such as Brain POP, ST Math etc.
* PTO cannot make changes on curriculum activities and events.
* Teachers sent out emails on behalf of the PTO
* Current PTO only sends out about 1,200 emails because parents have to opt in to receiving them.
* Best way to find out about PTO is subscribe to the PTO News Letter
* A big part of the locations of our field trips are based on the buses schedule. There is a bus shortage for field trips. Timing is limited hours between 9 am and 1pm.
* The teachers pick the field trips. The PTO get ideas from other schools in the CFISD about popular places to go on field trips.
* The PTO does not have the money to rent out or book an entire location for the students because it is too expensive.
* In 2024-2025 the PTO will have 1 fall event and 1 spring event. All events will be opened to all students and planning for these events with began June.
* PTO can only sale 500 tickets to the dances that are held in the cafeteria, due to safety issues
* The operating budget is less because of inflation and government funding due to COVID grants ending.
* Conducting a Lottery for which parents can attend the field trip is something that will be looked into for next year.
* There was a decision that was made to change the 2nd Grade around the World Day” to a field trip day for the students
* The Main Event Fifth Grade Party is an open public place and all parents can attend the event.
* Teachers are instructed to send out 2 emails about the field trips.