

**Pioneer Grove PSO
September 30 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: D. Bielinski, J. Montgomery, D. Konstanty, S. Vuckovich, E. Lounsbury, G. Newton, L. Goes

Garden Update

- Jon Montgomery stated he has engineers, as well as three excavators on board for project
- Donations for material are still needed:
 - Pavers
 - Crushed limestone (by truckload)
 - Jon will figure out how much of each is needed
- We will remove mulch from existing area and eventually put crops there
- Dig date set for November 6, 7 8 for excavation
- Start prior to 7:30 am or after 3:30 pm due to school hours/full parking lot
- November 13 will be date for paver installation
 - J.U.L.I.E. needs to be contacted prior to any work being done
- Di. Bielinski to contact LaCrosse team to see if they can assist (potentially 60 volunteers)
- Food donations will be needed for excavation date.
 - S. Vuckovich volunteered to make food (hot dogs, chips, beef)
- D. Bielinski to put press release in local papers (to discuss with Jon Montgomery)

Parent Mentor Committee

- D. Bielinski suggested a parent mentor committee be formed for all new parents to Pioneer Grove to assist them in their 1st year of school, IEPs, etc. It was agreed this was a great idea and PSO will look for volunteers. Upon its completion, Parent Resource Guide will be distributed to all new parents

Children's Cookbook

- S. Visser will be chairing this committee. Gina Newton to co-chair.
- S. Visser will put out flyer to parents tomorrow
- Children will submit favorite recipe, as well as a photo of themselves. If not photo supplied, we will obtain one from teacher.
- Children will also submit colored food picture to be included in cookbook.
- There will be a "cover" contest. PSO committee members will pick out winner after all pics have been submitted
- Shannon and Gina will work with Mike Frantini from PG's technology dept. to assist with compilation of cookbook pages.
- PSO committee members will purchase binder supplies and will put books together.
- Parents have until Oct. 15th to submit pictures/recipes
- Students will have until November 16th for sales
- Checks should be made payable to LWASE
- Gina to create form for sales
- December 7th - forms due to Gina so we have time to put together for Christmas

Library

- Lisa Goes will Chair Library committee
- The Vice President of New Lenox PTO has made book donations to our library (thanks to E. Lounsbury)
- Sheila has put out an e-mail on Freecycle and books have been dropped off to PSO
- Library Day for students - D. Bielinski will discuss with teachers to see what day works best, Tuesday or Wednesday
- Lisa Goes will assist Erika Lounsbury with sorting of books, library card creation, and check-out cards
- Teachers will pick out their own day and schedule
- L. Goes will coordinate parent volunteers and schedule for working library
- ALL VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN LIBRARY AND SCHOOL MUST BE FINGERPRINTED!!! They will need to go to Lincolnway Central Schoolhouse on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.
- Books should be for children ages 3-8

Mom's Night Out -

- Details still need to be worked out and a more thorough plan put together. This event on permanent hold for now.

Movie Night

- Our next movie night will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 10am.
- D. Konstanty will obtain movie, projector, etc.
- Movie will be Christmas themed
- Popcorn, juice and water will be sold again
- Need some all natural popcorn also

Parent Resource Guide

- D. Konstanty will "tweak" form and resend out to parents since most parents did not receive.

Spiritwear

- We would like to begin selling Spiritwear for PG.
- S. Vuckovich to research options through her vendor

Website

- Mike Frantini of PG's tech dept. will create PSO link on PG's website. Any documents to be included on website should be emailed to Mike at mfrantini@lwase843.org
- First items to be linked are volunteer form and September newsletter. D. Konstanty to email to Mike.
- Other items for inclusion are Garden information, upcoming events calendar, Board contact information

New business

- J. Montgomery made a recommendation that we set aside 20% of our profits at the end of the year and donate to other special needs schools. Further discussion will be held at next meeting.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be October 28 at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.