PTO Minutes  
09/10/20

-Attendees: Brandi Stott, Sara Geyer, Rachel Barrett, Jackie Delvechio, Samantha Dekeyser, Jamie Olson, Marcia Marvin

-Budget Update: Discussion on updated budget issues.  
*Jackie was reimbursed for holiday shop materials.  
*Teacher school budget was cut in half this year.  
*Teachers can e-mail requests to PTO.

-Fundraising: Discussion begun on upcoming fundraiser.  
*Venmo account will be set up.  
*Some examples of platforms were Go Fund Me, Rally Up, & Get Movin'  
*Most platforms are free but have credit card fees.  
*There may be a discount for non-profit.  
*Get Movin' & Rally Up were top two.  
*There was a discussion about having different dress up days during the fundraiser.  
*Brandi suggested that we might have the dance-a-thon at the end of each school day during that week.  
*Suggested principal challenge was principal in a bubble.  
*There was a discussion around communicating with parents about what the fundraising money would be used for.  
*Brandi suggested getting feedback from staff on this issue.  
*One suggestion during the meeting was “No Place For Hate”  
*There was a discussion about PTO paying for t-shirts & that the t-shirt design contest could continue even after the fundraiser.  
*Possible dates for fundraiser were suggested 09/21/20-10/09/20.  
*Communication would be sent out to families on 09/18/20 & then sent out as a weekly reminder.  
*The dance-a-thon would start the week of October 5th with the 9th being a teacher work day.  
*It was also discussed that Jessica will be doing a platform for people to donate money during the restaurant fundraisers without actually going to the restaurant.  
*Scholastic Book Fair will be within the first couple of weeks in November.

-Online Learning: Update from Brandi & parents about online learning in the Thompson School District.

Brandi:  
*Teachers are keeping students engaged in learning.  
*Students are working in whole class groups as well as differentiated small groups.  
*Students are involved in asynchronous and synchronous learning.  
*All students should be returning by the 18th of October.

Parents:  
*Some parents expressed that they are feeling good about the online learning that has been taking place.  
*Some parents were struggling with juggling school and work.  
*It was felt that teachers and parents haven't gotten into a groove yet.  
*Overall it was felt that teachers were working very hard to engage students.  
*Connectivity issues were discussed.