

May 12, 2011 PTO Meeting Minutes

Becky Olson presented two options for using the money raised through Mindcore.

Option 1

30 I Pods

Rock climbing wall obstacle course attachment

Option 2

Art Strips for the hallways

Rock climbing wall obstacle course attachment

Ms. Werner, Jessica Foley and Karen Halvorson requested that the I Pods be purchased. They had visited Lowell School and had seen all the things that they can do with I Pods in the classroom. The cost of an I Pod is 208.00 and currently we have 420 students as per Ms. Werner's information.

Art Strips for the hallway were discussed and at this time it has been tabled as a system to hang art on, that worked for the entire school could not be found.

A school sign for out front was brought up, It had been tabled for 3 years as we were waiting for the landscaping to be finished which would bring electricity to the area of the sign and reduce the cost of installation. It has been tabled again.

Much discussion was had over the validation of PTO purchasing I Pods that will only be used by a select group of students versus the entire student body. Mrs. Halvorson, Mrs. Stavig and Miss Foley would each use ten I Pods in their rooms for the year. After receiving a commitment from Mrs. Halvorson and Miss Foley (Mrs. Stavig was not in attendance) that they would use the year to gather information on how to use the I Pods with the students and will give demonstrations to the parents on the progress being made at Pizza Bingo and other PTO events. Also they agreed to teach the other staff members on how to use I Pods in the classroom as more I Pods are purchased through donations and fundraising of the Giving Tree.

PTO voted and approved the purchase of the Option 1 including 30 I Pods with commitments from staff.

A Giving Tree Committee is being formed. Volunteer members thus far are Traci Beck, Mali Teller, Michelle Heath, Kristi Eglund, and Allison Osterloo. Nicole Osmundson and Steph Fischer will also be on the committee. Staff members, one from each grade level would be ideal, are still needed.

Mali Teller reported on Promotions purchases through coke rewards, soup labels.

Budget for next years Mindcore is set for \$6,000.00.

Wellness council is going to take over Muffins in the Morning and Pastries for Parents.

Fabulous Friday still needs chair persons.