Call to Order: Called to order at 6:07

Welcome & Introductions:
- Mr. Williams - Principal
- Mrs. Carr - Assistant Principal
- President - Kim Phillips
- Vice-President - LaToya Smith
- Treasurer - Acurra Taylor
- Secretary - Melissa Sargent

Principal’s Report:
- Energy bus for Kids will be the book for One School, One Book
  - Invited staff to join the energy bus
  - Destination Success
  - Positive thinking, positive momentum
- Stokes P.R.I.D.E.
  - PBIS team update:
    - In school-semester celebration in January
    - Carnivals over the last two years; will happen again.
      - Students earn their way into the carnival through the Stokes P.R.I.D.E. rubric.
    - The monthly PBIS calendar will be sent home for October.
    - Raffle day will be next week.
      - Prizes change quarterly
        - Extra recess
        - Hot chocolate
        - Lunch Bunch
    - Teachers have a reward system in the classroom as well.
Calming zones and zones of regulations to help reduce the number of classroom instructional time that is lost.

- Open house:
  - September 26th
    - First and Second Grade: 6:00-6:30
    - Third through Fifth Grade: 6:45-7:15
- Fall Picture Day- September 29, 2023
- Homecoming-October 6

- Treasurer's Report
  - Mrs. Taylor:
    - Touch base, PTO at Stokes is special because we have a checking and savings account.
    - Savings-$11,052.07
    - Checking-$17,133.50
    - Funds supplement funds for teachers, recognitions, and field trips. These funds are raised through fundraisers. They help to pay for things that the school is not allowed to pay for.
    - Activities from last year
      - Dance
      - Trunk or Treat
    - We want to be able to give students experiences and the funds from PTO help with this.
    - $6,500 transferred from the CD account to the savings account.
  - Proposed Budget 2023-2024 SY:
    - The budget for field trips helps to offset the cost of field trips.
    - Motion to approve by a parent at 6:14 p.m., seconded by a parent at 6:14 p.m.
    - Proposal: Change the previous teacher reimbursement criteria from a teacher who comes to one meeting to receive $75 reimbursements, motion to change from attending a meeting to helping out at an event.
      - Proposal suggestion: form to fill out for this event rule change.
      - Motion for approval at 6:17 p.m., motion approved by second parent.

- Upcoming Events
○ Trunk or Treat:
  ■ Have parents drop off candy beforehand in order to allow us to replenish if a candy bowl gets low.
  ■ Sign-ups will be sent out in Wednesday folders.
    ● Sign up for logistic purposes.
    ● Asked for local businesses, possibly asking for clubs from high school.
      ○ Reach out to businesses from CR Pride Day.
    ● Possibly do a 50/50 raffle during the event.
  ■ Expected Date:
    ● 10/26/2023 from 5:30-7:00
○ Paint Night 10/19/23 (Mrs. Anthony)
  ■ Meet at 5:45 for the PTO meeting and then paint night at 6:15-8.
  ■ $10 per family or person will be determined at a later date.
  ■ A $10 fee will go towards the purchase of Kiln.
  ■ Change time for next meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., motion approved.
  ■ Motion to approve PTO funds from 2022-2023 reimbursement of $325 set aside for art teacher towards offsetting cost of supplies. Motion was approved at 6:28.
○ Fundraiser
  ■ 99 Pledges fundraiser
  ■ Students win certain prizes depending on the amount of money that they were able to raise.
  ■ Prizes last year got $100, donations from other businesses helped to pay for our other prizes.
  ■ Push back to after the New Year in order to make sure that we are not conflicting with schedules and other schools.
  ■ Table for December PTO meeting.
○ Other ideas?
  ■ Board Game event
  ■ Making sure that we are as inclusive as possible.
  ■ Fitness Dance class
● Open Forum
  ○ The budget comes from the checking account.
■ A good ending spot is $20,000, we were at $17,000
  ○ Auction as a fundraiser
    ■ Subcommittee if possible.
    ■ Find incentives to increase level of attendance
  ○ Chick-Fil-A or Texas Roadhouse dine-out night in the fall since the 99 Pledges fundraiser was pushed back.
    ■ 50/50 possibly at that event as well
    ■ Possibly do multiple if needed
    ■ Encourage staff to order
  ○ Game night
  ○ Movie night
  ○ Mrs. Lenoir-looking to buy a few flutes and drumsticks. Would PTO be willing to help with the $91.20?
    ■ Motion made at 7:04 pm, motion approved at 7:05 pm.

● Call to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm

Next meeting will be October 19, 2023 @ 5:45 p.m.

*Suggestion: PTO Officers at the front of the room, possibly get a table, so our backs aren’t to those who are here for the meeting.