

Center Street Elementary School PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2023
Via Zoom

Principal Sotero shared the following:

Our school year is off to a wonderful start. Our Pre- K, Kindergarten, and First grade held their sneak peek for families to come in prior to school beginning. The building looked terrific, and our staff did an incredible job preparing the rooms and decorating our hallways. There were flowers lined up outside and on opening day and we rolled out the red carpets lined with silver star balloons welcoming everyone back. Principal Sotero along with our social workers Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Scibek planned a Character Education Assembly to focus in on how to deal with conflict. There was a special Buddy Day scheduled during the second week of school where every student was matched up with another student and/ or group of students to meet new friends. Even our staff have buddies too that check in with one another throughout the school year. Our Open House was planned for Thursday, September 14th and we looked forward to seeing and meeting all our new families. Principal Sotero thanked the PTO for their support in helping to make our school a great one. Our students and families love all the events that are planned for them throughout the year.

New Business:

The focus was on discussing our upcoming Fall Festival.

This year's Fall Festival will include inflatables for the children and family to enjoy. There will be a dunk tank and Principal Sotero volunteered to get dunked. The Fall Festival will operate as we have done in the past, providing cider donuts, juice boxes and water. The Fun Wheel will have a variety of pre-packaged snack items and if we have ample volunteers, then we will extend our Scholastic Book Fair to be opened too. Information and emails went out to our district schools – IS, MS and HS for needed volunteers. Elmira College was also contacted to have students who would like to volunteer be a part of the event. A sign up was placed in the CS Office for staff to sign up to assist as well. The PTO sent out flyers encouraging parents to assist with set up, games and clean up.

Future Business was noted as we begin to look at our upcoming events such as our Veterans Day Celebration, Holiday Shoppe, and March Madness. All are big events that will need volunteers and assistance. More of these upcoming events will be discussed at our October Meeting.

The meeting concluded at ~ 8:00pm