**Notre École Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) Minutes**

**Meeting on February 12th, 2024**

**Via Zoom**

**Present: Abbey Van Gohren (President), Clemence Sullivan (Vice-president), Nelly Morin (Language Lead), Jenny Olson (Tresurer), Lida Noll (communication secretary), Lindsay Charles, Bill Horn, Vanessa Hendrickson**

**Meeting started at 8:34pm**

1. **Vote on the minutes from January 8th**

Motion: to approve minutes from last meeting. Motion unanimously passed.

1. **President Report:**
* **Stay and Play:** Reminder next Stay and Play ison 2/16/24 which is also Friendship day at Notre Ecole
* **TBRI training was a success:** Kaiya the OT therapist has helped Notre Ecole staff obtain good quality objects to put together sensory corners. Boxes arrived today.
* **Intern:** Notre Ecole is looking for one additional family to host an intern in the Spring from March to April, otherwise another option may be for the intern to only come for 1 month in April
1. **Treasurer’s Report:** PTO made about 700$ in Christmas cookie sales, total in PTO account $3000
2. **Unfinished Business:**
* **Nature playground:** Vanessa discussed with trustee of the church, possible revamp, trails/woodchips to the playground, help decrease the amount of mud in the hallways/classrooms. Uncertain if Eli is still in town and if church/Notre Ecole would approve project. Bill Horn, Notre Ecole parent, has offered to be a point person to investigate project
* **Kermesse:** Notre Ecole has booked the petting zoo (~$500+), Cotton Candy truck is coming back, PTO to take care of the bouncy house, PTO plans to have raffle baskets like last year for fundraising effort. Consider dunk tank as well
* **Food for Kermesse:** consider pizza, popcorn, baguette sandwiches
* **Notre Ecole fundraising needs:** Notre Ecole just received a grant of $4000 to host an intern for next school year (August 20th-June 5th). They would require a total of 6500$ to provide the intern a stipend, visa, health insurance etc. Need $2500 in addition to the grant. To host the intern, the school would need families to host the intern for a minimum of 8 weeks and to cover the entire school year. PTO plans to have a table to discuss with families at stay and play on Friday. If this project can go through, will vote on dedicating the kermesse fundraiser to help support the intern.
1. **New business**
* **Camperoni.com:** a parent of Notre Ecole student wanted to share the camperoni.com website to find camps/activities around the twin cities in the summer
* **Breizh Fest:** Festival de Bretagne on May 17th at Minneapolis Cider, Claire has reached out to Notre Ecole if students would like to participate in learning traditional Breton songs and perform at the Breizh fest. Notre Ecole will discuss with faculty/board next week
* **Science Fair:** on May 3rd, PTO will provide snacks

**Motion to adjourn the meeting**

**Meeting ended at 9:28pm**

**- Motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: March 11th, 2024**