

Attendance: Jessica Gordon, Michelle Lebovitz, Rivka Daar, Elisa Morgan, Lisa Buckley, Kate Riggs, April Terrien, Mrs. Buchannan

Principal Updates (Mrs. Buchannan was there for Mrs. Deely)

Thank you for the luncheon and the parties – thank you PTA

2nd graders are doing STAR testing, clubs are up and running for the new year, new art projects

2nd grade Terra Nova

PBIS – how to be responsible with your materials with your cubby, special bulldog buck for Valentine's Day

Julia Steinway is the PTA volunteer winner.

Bookfair/Mini Bookfair

Book fair is Monday, Feb 3 – iced cookie social (for donation to Bernie's Book Bank) and Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th

Set-up on 1/30. Previews are 1/31 and 2/3. Teacher breakfast is on 2/3. Need to find out bookfair budget so they can purchase breakfast possibly than have parents make stuff.

Books are picked up 2/7.

Coin collection starts week of 1/13.

Wish list for the kids who receive support from the district and purchase some books for them.

Try making the previews shorter.

Will get a schedule for class previews.

Estimating game with heart beads.

Valentine's day book sales.

Teacher's shouldn't take the last one of a book when filling their wish bin up.

Decorating the foyer week before.

Book drive for Bernie's Book on 1/21.

Box Tops

We are going to have our last submission of the year. We are finalizing the dates but clipped tops will need to be submitted early the week of 2/10. People should also remember to do the app submissions as we likely won't have any clipped box tops next school year.

Shabonee is total done - Not a big push. Ask Amy to coordinate with Emily Taylor to have Shabonee bring box tops in and leave in a box for hickory point.

Hot Lunch

Open today to order hot lunch for the rest of the semester. Possible to write a check you have to order entire semester. Can't pay by check and order monthly. TBD if that's going through.

Sign-up volunteering will available by Monday.

Family Night

Jan 31st is the next Family Night from 6-7:30. Pizza will be served, and families will need to sign up in advance number of slices. Dessert and water will be provided. The teacher raffle will also take place that night.

Treasurer Updates

Finances are good. Good handle on what is going on.

Birthday Signs – can they pay online? They sign up and then they forget to pay. Can it be done through PTGMS.

Can we set-up a Zelle account for people to pay?

Caring Bulldog

Dedication to Mrs. Greenberg. Can there a planter with plaque near the front desk.

Environmental

110 cat and dog toys and donated to Orphans of the Storm. New format – switched during a special indoor recess to make toys instead of during regular art class time. That gave us all volunteers at once too. Time crunch. Special thank you to Mrs. Tedeschi and all the parent volunteers, Mrs. Fleishman, Mrs. Siad,

Bulldog Boutique

Still a box in the office for parents to drop-off extra gifts, etc. Stuffed dolphins are popular!

Forming Nominating Committee – formed to nominate for 3 new positions.

Fundraising

Mables lables making a little bit of money

Tasty Tuesday not making much money. Noodles made \$35. Next year maybe try making it more of a social event like in years past. Suggestion – PTA perks for attendance.

Teacher Appreciation and Gifts

maybe have parent volunteers be “servers” instead of office or playground supervisors. Also what does this change mean for Morning Supervisor? Mrs. Buchanan checking

Room Parent Coordinators – Let's do away with the craft – not all room parents manage that project the same and often it just gets sent home. For Valentine's Day we can put those funds toward a better party favor and we will discuss what to do for next year.

Membership – people reach out because they haven't gotten their directory and then when we send them back to the parent portal they realize they haven't paid their fees. Mrs. Buchanan will check with district to see if there's an easier way to communicate and close the gap so people don't forget.