



Weller PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

- I. Welcome & Introductions Robyn Bueltel
- Meeting began at 7:01 pm. Everyone introduced themselves.
 - Overview of what to expect at PTO meetings
 - Meet once a month for around an hour.
 - Fundraisers
 - Main – Otis Spunkmeyer and PTO membership
 - Supplemental: Rebates – Kroger, Box Tops, Coca-Cola Gives, Amazon and Restaurant Takeovers
 - Square One Art – due to anticipated fundraising gap, we plan to do it again in the Spring, even though it's our "off" year since we usually do it every other year.
 - Things We Fund
 - Teacher and Grade Allotments
 - In the past: Cincy Museum Center for each grade; this year: Brain Pop
 - Hospitality – meals for staff around back to school, conferences, holiday brunch, and Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Books for IMC and Book Room
 - Capital items as the need arises
- II. Officer Reports
- A. Treasurer Report Ema Lam
- Proposed Budget was Reviewed
 - PTO Membership – budgeted really low this year due to our current numbers and anticipation due to this school year
 - Restaurant Takeovers – lowered significantly down to \$750
 - Spirit Wear – \$700 which is about half of what we brought in last year
 - Square One Art – they have an all online option that students can submit online while the assignment is still being weaved in to the art classes at school
 - Otis Spunkmeyer Sale – moving to the Spring; we lowered the anticipated income for this year
 - Approved Use of Reserves – over \$575 being pulled to balance budget (most of it was from DayAir given to us for Wellerfest and they opted to defer to this year)
 - Events cancelled/changed to \$0 due to Covid: Book Fair and Wellerfest
 - Uses of Cash
 - Teacher Allotments: 36 teachers (\$200 each)

- Assemblies: changing the name to “Classroom Enrichment”; since it’s not possible to have the Cincinnati Museum come this year, the teachers have decided to use the money to purchase a school wide subscription to Brain Pop
- IMC Books and Book Room: both were lowered this year to balance the budget, but if they feel they are in need of more money, they can come to us to help them meet their needs
- Capital Items: \$300 to purchase filters for water bottle fillers
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation: \$1000, which is lower than what we usually spend
- Administration: new charge this year – lanyards for masks for students
- Items changed to \$0 for the year due to Covid: building appearance, family nights/fun day; recess/playground improvements; school supply boxes; author visit
- Motion to Approve the Budget
 - Budget was approved at 7:36 pm

C. Vice President/Principal Report Andrew Boeke

- Thank you to everyone for your support during this difficult school year.
- Teachers are working very hard and doing their best to help all students.
- Worked with PTO to use administration funds to purchase plastic envelopes for the next pick-up day since the way it was done the first time was not very efficient.
- MAP testing – no more than 8 kids in a class and no more than 2 classes a day; only grades 2 and 3 are being held in person – as of now, the 3rd grade reading guarantee is still on schedule to be in place this year
- Questions from Members:
 - Are we going back at all? We do not know the answer.
 - What do the teachers need? Positive reinforcement

D. President Robyn Bueltel

- Shared a thank you note from scholarship recipient, Alaina Croskey
- Thank you to Brenda Silverman and Karen Gruenberg for organizing the back to school lunch for the staff.
- Thank you to the volunteers who came to school to help distribute school supplies.

III. Committee Reports

A. Membership Marc McNulty / Robyn Bueltel

- New this year – online payments (there is a transaction fee for PTO but we get the first \$1000 fee free)
 - <https://weller-elementary-pto.square.site/>
- As of Monday, \$1000 in membership dues (46 families); last year we raised over \$4,000 with 175 families
- Please join! Members will receive an electronic school directory in October

B. Kroger Community Rewards Kylene Spalding

- Last period (through July) we had 254 households, earning \$1,594.78. Though our registered households are holding steady, our income has been declining, which

could be due to reduced family spending and/or Kroger sharing across more organizations.

- Annual Contest: Last 2 weeks of September
 - Prizes: \$20 Kroger gift cards (1/grade), classroom with most links/student wins treat bag for each student plus teacher gets \$20 Kroger gift card
 - Electronic submission (sent to Kylene via email or screenshot text to her)

C. Box Tops / Coca-Cola Give April Whitehead

- Have families drop off during materials pick up. Student materials pick-ups will be every other week, with the next one being September 16; however, not every student will have items each time. Put out specially marked box for parents to drop off items when they pick up school materials. (Will put the box out at the next several materials pick-ups.)

D. Spirit Wear Robyn Bueltel

- September 14-25; items will be included in subsequent materials pick-up. Variety of items and designs for everyone in the family.
- Can pick up at a materials pick-up night at Weller; at Embellished Threadz; or pay to ship it to you.
- PTO makes 20% profit from the items.
- You can try on sizes at Embellished Threadz.

E. Restaurant Takeovers Ellie De Marchis

- Looking to do more this year than we have in the past – one each month; expecting each one to raise less money than in the past

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

- A. Centerville Pizza Takeover Sept. 16, all day
- B. Next PTO meeting October 6 at 7pm via zoom

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm