

Sarah Adams PTO Meeting Agenda (with notes)
October 6th, 2020 6:30pm via Zoom

Call to Order of Carinn's first meeting (start time 6:30 pm)

Approve Sept 2020 Minutes approved

Principal's Report – Mrs. Culver

Thank you to everyone. This has been a very unique start to our school year and your patience, feedback and communication is very appreciated.

- Sign up for parent teacher conferences. If you haven't seen the signup link, please reach out to your student's teacher.
- This Friday is the deadline if you're looking to switch your instructional model that your student is currently in. You need to submit something in writing, or an email to Mrs. Culver stating you want to formally want to make the switch. This will likely result in a teacher switch.
- No teacher report this evening, but we will have one next month.
- Remind parents about redistricting meetings-There is a committee. All of the meetings are on the district website and you can stream in to watch/listen to them.

REDISTRICTING

- Katie Barr is on the committee representing SA and MSS. There have been two meetings already. Three plans will be presented next week. There will be a forum where parents can put in input and ask questions. The company that the district is using is taking concerns to heart. If you have one, reach out. One of the plans that is being presented does expand SA, so that is something to consider. The primary concern is capacity. SL and IF are currently overwhelmed. Other concerns are keeping neighborhoods intact, transportation and safety. There is more information in the email that was just sent out by Dr. Gallt.

Teachers Report – No report

Officer's Reports

Co-President's Report

- Custodian appreciation day Oct 2nd- donuts and thank you note delivered by the PTO.
- Head room parent update- this year given the way classes are- we decided not to have head room parents. We are unable this year to go into the classrooms. Have the typical parties that we'd need head room parents to facilitate and are not having silent auction baskets from each class- these were the main roles of the head room parents.
- However we are working with Lisa in the office to get the "my favorite things" sheet sent around to teachers and then we will send it out to parents so you have that information.
- Taft is still planned for now (moved to April). However, the Taft committee has decided not to fundraise at this time. Once funds are collected it is very challenging to refund

them. We are still considering a personal fundraising option (like Lou Malnatis) but we will update more as we get a bit closer. The total cost of the trip is about \$250/student. If any 5th grade parent is concerned about funding the trip, reach out to Rita directly for help brainstorming ideas to raise money individually.

Foundation & District Updates

- The Foundation thanks a latte program is underway. They are picking a staff member from District 95 every Wednesday who wins a \$10 gift card to Starbucks.
- Watch for info about the winners of foundation diversity poster contest that closed 10/2. Posters will be hanging in the community.
- Wizards game rescheduled to April in hopes of being able to gather then.
- Oct 19-23rd is school bus safety week. All of the district school PTO's will collaborate to do something for bus driver appreciation that week.

Vice President's Report -

- Fall Fundraiser is still going on. Click on the link in the email. Yard signs will be provided for a donation of \$40+.

Treasurer's Report

- If anyone has any receipts to turn in to be reimbursed. All treasurer forms are on the PTO website. The forms are more important this year than ever before because it tells Laura how you'd like to receive your reimbursements. There is no report this month because there was only one transaction this month.

Secretary's Report

- Make sure to check your email/check the PTO Facebook page for upcoming events and announcements

Committee Reports:

Red Ribbon Week – October 26-30th (Andrea Watkins)

- Outdoor decorating of school. They said just some ribbons outside will suffice. Andrea could use one person to help decorate on Sunday, October 25.
- Students should wear red on Wednesday, October 28, both in school and eLearning.
- Coloring project for kids (It's not a contest this year. They can be submitted electronically to the District and they will be displayed online). It's totally option for students.
- Teacher lessons and parent letter home will be sent, but it will not be as much as usual.

Hospitality (Germaine)

- Parent/teacher conferences - There will be a box dinner available to all teachers at school for parent teacher conferences in November. Germaine is currently talking with Freddie's, Hungry Mule, and McAllister's, and then will reach out to parents to supplement. Meals will be about \$8-10/meal. Beverages will not be included, so Germaine is hoping to get them donated. Monetary donations will have to happen as

well. Parents can perhaps donate a meal for a teacher. Freddie's has offered a restaurant night on November 3, and then the money that is earned would go towards the teacher's meals for conferences.

Book Fair - (Katie)

- The book fair was better than the Spring. The sales were almost \$1,900. The big boost seemed to be the new Dogman.
- There is a book fair scheduled for March, and hopefully it will be in person!

Spiritwear- (Christine Walsh/Rita)

- Products should be ready for pick up the week of October 12, then will be delivered by volunteers within the few days after we receive them. There were about 60 orders placed. If you would like to volunteer to deliver, please reach out to Rita or Christine.

Joanie's Closet - (Melissa Riske/Andrea Watkins)

- We'll be collecting coats, snow pants and boots (new and gently used) from Oct. 19-Oct. 29. Drop off donations in a bin located at the Admin building.
- Also, through this week St. Francis Church is collecting new and gently used jeans for their annual Clean Jean Drive. There is a bin located at their Community Center.

Yearbook (Jessica)

- Parents can upload pictures directly to TreeRing to be included in our 2020-2021 yearbook. Don't forget the first day of school or e-learning pics but do not include pictures or recording of live zoom meetings.
- Jessica needs help getting pictures. Most of the yearbook is portraits and event pictures.
- She is waiting to hear back on the cost of the yearbook with fewer pages and fewer orders.
- The district-wide elementary and middle schools will not do school portraits this year. ☹
- There was a question about an online yearbook but we aren't sure how that will work. If anyone has suggestions, please let us know.

Restaurant Nights (Diana)

- We made \$100 at Oberweis!
- Culvers is planned for next week, Tuesday, October 13th from 10 am -10 pm
- Make sure to mention Sarah Adams when you go!
- There may be a selfie contest.
- Diana is going to check out dwell social and try Pequod's pizza.
- Heather had ideas for food trucks. We will have to be careful with social distancing requirements. Most will give 15% back and prefer pre-orders which will limit wait in line. It has to be off-site, so we'd have to do it at someone's house. Masks would be required; people would pick up food and take it home. Immediate parent feedback is that this is a concern and maybe not the best time for it.

Bingo- (Carinn/Monique)

- There is an option for a virtual bingo night. The cost would be approximately \$5 per family for 6 rounds of bingo. We would have prize baskets that would be delivered after the event for winners. We are looking to get some feedback of whether this is something parents would be interested in doing. It would likely be sometime in November. We could partner with a pizza place for a fundraiser the same night. We'll figure out a way to collect funds. We are looking at a few options for that.

Great Lake Scripts- (Laura)

- We still have gift cards- contact Laura if you'd like to purchase. The cash and carry gift cards are at her house. Laura is planning on doing a November gift card sale so everyone can buy grocery cards to buy their holiday food, and cards to give away as gifts. Look for information end of October for the November sale. Laura will work on ways to get the cards delivered. The amount and cards that are available change dependent on what Great Lakes offers.

Buzz Book - (Karen)

- Still working on getting the buzz book data pulled together.

Box Tops - (Heather)

- Keep using the app. Take pictures of your receipt after you go grocery shopping on the app and then it immediately lets you know if you have any rewards.

Made by Me Market (Rita)

- Rita spoke with a company that offers something interesting as a way that we could still have the Made by Me Market and do it online. The company will allow us (free) to teach kids how to set up a private website to sell their own products. If you have opinions, please let Rita know soon so she can make a decision by the end of the month.

Any questions or new business

Laura is the PTO representative for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. If you know of anyone interested in joining either, please reach out to her. These activities are still running in the current environment.

Meeting ended at 7:47 pm

All 2020-2021 PTO Meeting Dates and Zoom Code:

Join Zoom Meetings @ 6:30 pm

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November 9th

**No December meeting

January 11th

February 9th

March 8th

April 13th

May 10th