

Orchard Elementary PTO

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 16th Zoom

- I. Call to Order – CJ called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm
- II. Treasurer’s Report – Jon showed that we currently have \$33,191.63 in our account. We received a check from Amazon Smile. The largest expense this month was purchasing Wilbooks for a kinder class, at a cost of \$1512.54.
- III. Principal’s Report- Alysia reported that the school is in holiday mode. They have been celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas with the staff, and each classroom is doing their own celebration. Some 4th and 5th grade students have been coming in for tutoring. Staff members are encouraged to take all of Christmas break off, instead of providing additional work for students, etc.
- IV. Club Proposal – Student Lily D presented an idea for a new club, The Community Club. The club’s focus would be community service. Some proposed club activities are dog walking with the Benton Franklin Humane Society, outreach to senior citizens and planting plants and trees. The club would be open to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and would initially meet on Zoom. All members would receive a club t-shirt. CJ volunteered to work with Lily and her mom privately to get the club running and will connect via email.
- V. Picture Day – Jillian Robillard met with Ken from Dorian and they are tentatively scheduling picture day for the beginning of February. This will be a two day process in order to emphasize safety procedures.
- VI. Spring Fundraiser – Kriste presented the idea of reimagining the spring fundraiser. We traditionally rely on donations from local businesses, yet in this current climate and economy, that doesn’t feel like the right move. Danica suggested an art themed fundraiser, and Alysia showed strong support for this option. We will continue to investigate this avenue.

- VII. Papa John's Pizza Nights – Kriste reported that Shelly Owens is keeping in contact with our local Papa John's about the teacher delivery nights. If local and state health regulations allow, Orchard will be scheduled for two delivery nights.
- VIII. Boeing Grant – Kriste shared that Orchard PTO has once again received \$750 from Boeing for STEM/remote learning support. An email has been sent to the staff inviting them to apply for one of three \$250 grants.
- IX. Giving Tree – As part of the Principal's Report, Alysia shared that 16 families are being supported this year. Jon and Sarah Hall are doing the shopping for the extra necessary items and the food.
- X. Read to Ride – CJ reported that Tara Symons was able to get Orchard approved for the Silverwood Read to Ride program for this coming spring. Last year, the tickets had no expiration date.
- XI. One Book, One School – Alysia will be talking with the instructional team to decide if they want to pursue this program this year.
- XII. Questions/Comments
- XIII. Adjournment – CJ adjourned the meeting at 4:09 pm

In attendance: CJ Rodriguez, Danica Garcia, Alysia Arsanto, Jon Hall, Kriste Colley-Kummer, Angela Kopenac, Jillian Robillard, Rebecca Boyd, Tammy Morrow and student Lily D.