

Forest Dale Elementary PTO All Parent Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021 @6:30 via zoom

Executive Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Monica Craig & Erin Zoch
Co-Vice Presidents: Mary Michael Gulden & Alisha Pankiw
Treasurer: Debbie Avery
Assistant Treasurer: Joy Boake
Recording Secretary: Liz Evans
Corresponding Secretary: Lauren Holden
Past Presidents: Pam Fallowfield & Shannon Pongratz

Attendance: Monica Craig, Erin Zoch, Mary Michael Gulden, Alisha Pankiw, Debbie Avery, Joy Boake, Lizzie Evans, Shannon Pongratz, Sara Inskeep, Deanna Pitman, Jason Rose, Laura Roth, Tiera Aubrey, Julianne Moore, Jess Pinyerd, Mandi Gondol, Becky White, Jean Lloyd, Heather Morrison, Amy Charles, Julie Cahill, Joel Schaafsma, Emily Gosser, Mariah Vankirk, Jason Vankirk

1. Welcome and Approval of January Minutes- a motion was made to approve the minutes as written from the January 2021 All Parent PTO Meeting. The motion was seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
2. Middle School Forum
 - a. Guest: Carmel Middle School Principal- Deanna Pitman. CMS has been hosting transition events over the past few weeks. Open house last week on the 12th. Orientation on August 3rd to get schedule, locker combination, check out the building throughout that day, student ID, school pictures, yearbooks & spirit wear for sale. Information will be sent out mid-July re: back to school events. Schools will start August 12th—will focus on relationship building those two first days. Students will be coming from 6 different elementary schools this year.
 - b. Guest: Carmel Middle School PTO Presidents- Jason Rose & Laura Roth. Jason is outgoing Pres & Laura is incoming PTO President. PTO supports after school clubs, teacher grants, teacher appreciation staff meetings. Fall fundraiser- donation drive, ask for 440 per family but accept any donation. Kids don't have to sell anything or do anything. A few open position & would love to include some incoming FDE parents—bookstore, community support, dine to donate, membership, school board liaison, staff appreciation, staff meetings/ Thankful Thursdays.
3. Principal's Report - "State of Forest Dale"- Sara Inskeep. We have made it through the year! One week left of school & we still have Falcon Fun Day (replacing Field Day—half day will be track & field activities and the other half of the day will be indoor activities with their class). Still have volunteer openings for that. We also have our 5th Grade Graduation ceremony. We are also adding a fun tradition—usually kids will walk the building & other kids will cheer them on. This year, parents will line the track & they will take a final lap around the outside track for parents to cheer them on. PTO purchased some fun yard signs that we will use for graduation & also can be used throughout the year.
4. Presidents' Report- Erin Zoch & Monica Craig
 - a. 2021-2022 PTO Officer Slate- Co-Presidents- Mary Michael Gulden & Alisha Pankiw, Co-VPs- Darrin & Emily Gosser, Treasurer- Debbie Avery, Asst Treasurer- Joy Boake, Recording Secretary- Lizzie Evans, Corresponding Secretary- Jess Pinyerd, Past President- Rachel Cera. A motion was made to approve the incoming board slate. The motion was seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
 - b. 5th Grade Graduation + Celebration- parents attending the Honor Walk will go straight to the track & can take kids home with them that day (change dismissal). 5th Grade party will take place May 25th at Woodland CC- swimming. Teachers are also organizing lunch for the 5th graders the last day of school.

- c. Staff Appreciation Events- Spread the Love- parents donated candy, flowers & plants, Smoothie Bar, Nothing Bundt Gratitude- small bundt cakes for all staff. Also had annual staff appreciation events as well—recognizing various staff positions- lunch of their choice, goodies from their favorites list & a gift card from their favorites list as well.
5. 2020-2021 Financial Wrap-up/New School Gifts- Debbie Avery. We were not able to host FalconFest or Silent Auction this year but still raised over \$42,000. We also didn't have as much money going out this year because we didn't do the clubs or field trips. We had about \$10,000 in a special fund to purchase webcams and desk shields, extra masks for Nurse Stevens, hand sanitizing stations, two additional water bottle filling stations, yard signs to be sued throughout the year & we donated \$100 to Carmel Youth Assistance Program.
6. Outstanding Chair Positions/Dine out Funds- Mary Michael Gulden & Alisha Pankiw.
 - a. Dine to Donate- our next & last one is Tropical Sno next Monday. We have raised \$2400 from all of the year's Dine to Donate.
 - b. We are still looking for someone to take on FalconFest chair- there are already sub-committee chairs in place, just need someone to lead the charge. We are also looking for volunteers to help ALL committees next year. Also we need a co-chair for Science Night & support volunteers for the Boosterthon fundraiser in the Fall.
7. Upcoming Events- we still have mulch sales going on through June 15th.
8. CYAP- funds meals for students throughout the summer. If you are looking for ways to contribute, this is a great way to help families in the community Visit their website at www.youthassistance.org.
9. THANK YOU, Monica & Erin for leading us throughout this past year! You did an amazing job under unusual circumstances. You will be missed!

Upcoming Dates

5/24: Dine to Donate Event @Hoosier Tropical Sno (3-9PM)

5/25: Falcon Fun Day

5/25: 5th Grade Pool Party @Woodland Country Club (3:30-5:30PM)

5/26: 5th Grade Graduation & Last Student Day

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Opt in to the **Remind App** at <https://www.remind.com/join/aec26bq> for FDE updates.
Check out the **PTO Website** at: <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-fde> for other ways to get involved!
Please keep up with Ms. Inskeep's weekly emails for upcoming events and information.