

## Minutes from the January 21, 2021 PTO Meeting

The Google Meeting was held virtually beginning at 6:30pm

### Attending the meeting were:

Mrs. B. Hilliard  
Mrs. D. Braden  
Mrs. C. Sawyer

Mrs. A. Stagnero  
Dr. C. Pencek  
Mrs. J. Rauschenberger

**Treasurer's Report:** account balances as of December 31, 2020.

Savings Account –

December activity: \$4.39 Interest earned (Nice jump on interest income as previous quarterly interest earned was in the neighborhood of \$1.50). Ending Balance: \$34,868.21.

Checking Account –

December activity: \$18.63 deposit of profits from the ongoing RADA sales. No expenses. Ending Balance: \$7,667.88.

### Fundraisers Update:

School Spirit – no sales occurred since last meeting,

RADA Cutlery – The fundraiser is ongoing. To date our profits are \$141.53. To shop our fundraiser visit <http://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4770579.823c6e>

Amazon Smile – According to Amazon, we have 20 new sales transactions this quarter, but the next profit deposit won't arrive until February. To shop at our Amazon Smile "store", go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1449747> or start your Amazon shopping experience at Smile.Amazon.com and search for "Emily Brittain PTO" in the charity lists. Not every product donates a portion back to our school, but most do. It is a small percentage, but every little bit helps.

### Kindness Celebration – February 12, 2021

This event will replace the typical Valentine's Day classroom party. Valentines are NOT permitted this year due to COVID. Parents should refrain from sending in cards or treats for the entire class.

Snacks: The PTO will purchase snacks for the celebration: Chips (all same type-not mixed variety pack), Goldfish crackers and/or fruit snacks and Capri Sun Juice bags

Crafts: We discussed a variety of craft options (Bird feeders, kindness tree, heart keychain, and planting sunflower seeds), but it was agreed by those in attendance that teachers could select their own crafts or party activity. We could hold some of the suggested crafts for other school events or principal assemblies.

### Sub-Committee Reports:

**Social** – K. McEachin, S. Paul, C. Albertelli and D. Braden: No updates – just keep putting out the small gifts for staff birthdays.

**Student Activities** – A. McDade, A. Acre, K. McEachin and D. Pry: On hold due to COVID for the most part. We did discuss a virtual assembly, in particular the Gab Show. The cost is estimated to be between \$250-\$300. We had several questions about what exactly this would look like, but those in attendance did approve the expenditure of up to \$350 for a virtual Gab Show assembly assuming our questions were answered.

**Fundraisers** – J. Rauschenberger, E. Whitmire, E. Zellefrow: The online fundraisers we have will continue throughout the rest of this year. This includes the RADA sale and Amazon Smile. It was suggested that we look into Dine and Donate nights or store “kickback” sales. Mrs. Rauschenberger will look into scheduling some Dine and Donate nights at Texas Roadhouse and/or Applebees. Not sure if these establishments are doing programs like this with COVID. Mrs. Sawyer will look into a Five Below sale where the PTO would receive 10% of total sales during the month of April (to catch Easter gift purchases).

**New Business:**

**Yearbooks** – We received a quote from Lifetouch to do a yearbook at a cost of \$11. 96% of the 24 people who completed the survey were in favor of purchasing a yearbook for this price. Dr. Pencek is researching what the minimum order would be as the PTO would purchase the yearbooks outright and then resell them to break even or make a small profit. With COVID taking away so many of our fun activities, it is difficult to come up with more than just classroom composite pictures to make the yearbook exciting. Decision tabled for now but decision due mid-February.

**IH2** – Spring Survey Due Now! If you haven’t completed the survey, please do so today!

**Calling All 5 Year Olds!** The time is now to begin kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Everyone with a 5yr old is encouraged to contact the school to be placed on our prospective student mailing list.

**Crossing Guard Positions Open** – Mr. Tulley has accepted a new position elsewhere. That leaves both of our crossing guard positions vacant. If you know someone who is available from 8:30-9:30AM and again from 3:00-4:00PM each school day who would like to earn some extra cash, please ask them to visit the school district website to apply! Clearances are required for these positions at your own cost.

**Other Notes:** It was noted that parents were having difficulty logging into our virtual PTO meeting. Parents had to use their children’s email information in order to gain access to the meeting. Dr. Pencek is checking with our technology department to see what is amiss and to correct the problem for the next meeting.