

Schroder PTO Minutes



Meeting Title	PTO Board Meeting	Date	November 9, 2022
Meeting Called By	L.Halfman , President	Location	Schroeder Media Center
Notes Issued By	D. Fakhouri, Secretary	Time	6:00 PM

MEETING PARTICIPANTS			
PTO Board	L. Halfman D. Fakhouri D. Gilman A. Barauskas/T Barauskas A. Bluhm	PTO Members	E. Strom M. Brink J. Bellini
Staff	B. Canfield M. Hazergian/ S. Fraga	Absent	

Meeting call to order – 6:06pm

1. Updates:

- **President:**

- Shared concern about no volunteer chairperson for Holiday Shop. It was decided to send out communication one more time to parents. It was suggested to include a job description. Conclusion, event will not run if no chairperson is found. Board will look into options to replace event.
- Discussion to amend by-laws.

- **Treasurer:**

- Actual-to-budget was shared and will be posted to website. There is a small overflow from Jogathon. Board will talk assess needs later in the year and discuss how funds can be spent this year. It was mentioned to consider adding extra funds to the teacher grants.

- **Co-Vice President:**

- Mini Grants – There are 4 current mini grants – 4th grade 6 copies of 6 books, Information reading units, reading recovery books updates, 5th grade microphones for I-pads. All will be supported. Also under consideration was Mr. Pride and a bus cost for MJR for a district field trip program. This is paid for by a rotation with schools to cover transportation costs. This will be charged to the field trip account, not mini grants.
- A thank you note from 4th grade teachers was shared. Will be shared in Dragon Journal with community.
- Recap of Halloween parties – noted it was a success. A brief discussion followed about the treats purchased by PTO. It was stated efforts are being made to

accommodate allergy but it is very challenging. Deanna volunteered to become involved to assist.

- **Schroeder Staff Updates:** Currently celebrating the passing of the bond. A big thank you was shared to the community and Schroeder parents for their help. Schroeder parent K. Kender was integral in helping and recognized for her work on the Bond team.

- **Committee Updates:**
 - Room parent – J. Bellini - Halloween parties went well. Next party Dec. 16th. It was suggested to tell parents earlier the times so they can accommodate schedules. PTO will provide cookies, no juice.
 - Trunk or Treat – Chair A. Barauskas
 - Event review – Event was a success. It was stated that, a significant amount of work was involved and the PTO ran out of candy. Ann B. stated that board members will have to host a trunk next year in order to make it a success. There will also be a need for a new chair for next year as she will no longer chairing. It was discussed to consider shortening time and changing time to 6pm instead of 5:30pm to help some families accommodate work schedules. It was also suggested that the movie was unnecessary. Another suggestion was to consider removing event altogether and supporting the trunk or treat with Troy High. PTO will revisit options again in the spring.
 - Lost & Found – M. Brink – Discussion about donations of lost and found to Athens or some organization. Consider posting pictures to Facebook group as well.
 - Winterfest – E. Strom – Bowers Farm a no go for this year as they cannot accommodate the size of group. Other options were presented - Sledding events, daddy daughter dance, reading night, dance/photobooth, Bingo night (Drak-O) Since, the new event may be held at school there is a need to revisit the calendar to decide on dates. Also looking at having Chris Cakes pancake dinner for the event. (See below.)

2. New Business

- Holiday Staff Lunch – December 16th
- Staff Gifts – All specials teachers will receive a 25\$ gift card from PTO. Room parents will not collect for specials teachers, families can do individual donations. Jen B. will communicate with room parents.

3. Old Business:

- Open positions - Pancake Night (PJ and Pancakes) – was suggested to replace Winterfest (E. Strom volunteered to chair this instead. Ice Cream Social has no chair and may not run, no final decision was made.

4. All else

- MIRM will consider incorporating bingo for books event.
- Consideration for the opening of a credit card for Huntington bank to earn the PTO a free \$500. Need to spend 5000.00 on card in first 3 months. All agreed this was feasible, T. Barauskas will open and then close at end of year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Upcoming Events: Holiday parties on 12.18

Next General PTO Meeting: January 4th, 2023