

PTO Meeting Agenda
March 16, 2023
3:30 pm Elementary Art Room

Attendees: Tina McCracken, Carrie Shaw, Amber Taylor, Tyler Burns, Marley Baker, Meg Bigelow, Jenn Scott, Alice Lynch, Courtney Trainor, Kait Daniels, Deanne Baker, Laura Mellott

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Old Business

a. Meeting dates -

- i. April 20, May 18, July 20 (4pm)

b. One School, One Book -

- i. Update from [Laura Mellott](#) and/or [Tyler Burns](#)
- ii. **Date is May 2nd author is coming to the school**
- iii. **May 8th is day of activities at the school**
- iv. Has the book been chosen? Yes, 'Emily's Art'
 - 1. What is the cost of the books? \$5 per Book
 - 2. What would you like the PTO to help with?
 - a. Buy a book per classroom, and allow parents to order their own OR
 - b. Buy a variety of books
- v. PTO Voted: \$300 donation to use toward books for each classroom and prize books for the program; Alice made motion; Carrie second; all in favor

c. Life Skills Swing -

- i. Candi would like an indoor swing to mount from the ceiling; cost is \$165 per swing
- ii. Outdoor swings are \$2,000
- iii. PTO purchasing the indoor swing; hardware for the swing is roughly \$400-\$500 per swing
- iv. Pictures of the swing were presented for anyone to review
- v. PTO will proceed with ordering the swing and hardware for installation

d. Memorial Tree Update

- i. Has been planted, waiting on bench
 - 1. Planned bench wood was used elsewhere by students
 - 2. Mr. Fischer is building the bench himself

- ii. Would you like to surround with mulch, like the equipment in the playground?
 - 1. **VOTED** - Yes, all in favor
 - 2. Tina will get an estimate from John to have the tree surrounded with mulch

e. Fundraisers -

- i. Need to start planning Marianna's (4th thru 6th) and School Spirit wear.
 - 1. Marianna's Sub Sales
 - a. Tina will reach out to get date availability to start this sale in the next few weeks
 - 2. A 5-panel structured hat with self-fabric closure with a brass buckle and grommet tuck-in was chosen \$8, along with a plain t-shirt in burgundy and or gray and a sweatshirt in the same colors. Hoodie or plain sweatshirt? Voted Hoodie
 - 3. Has anyone tried Powerhouse Subs? Do they compare to Marianna's? Marianna's are preferred by most

3. New Business -

a. PSSA Reward trip

- i. Proposed by Mr. Burns
 - 1. Would like \$4,373.00 to send the 3rd thru 6th grades on a reward field trip to a Altoona Curve minor league baseball game. Cost covers bus transportation, tickets, and \$5 for the meal.
 - 2. Leave in the morning and return for end of day
 - 3. Carrie made motion to approve; Jenn seconded; **VOTED** all in favor

b. Easter happenings -

- i. Easter bonnet contest – Yes
 - 1. One winner per grade, no overall winner for the school
 - 2. Prizes
 - a. 1st place – \$10 gift card
 - b. 2nd place – large chocolate bunny
 - c. 3rd place – small chocolate bunny
 - 3. Rules need to be printed out and sent home by March 24th
 - 4. April 6th Bonnets are due and judging that day
- ii. Coloring Pages - YES
 - 1. Find and print off pages per grade
 - 2. Prizes

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- iii. Easter Egg Hunt for PreK and Kindergarten
 1. Will be buying Buckets and let them keep the buckets
 2. Ask for candy donations, buy candy as needed from PTO monies
 3. Thursday, April 6th in the afternoon after lunch
 - a. Will need PTO members to help with the Egg Hunt
 - b. Will contact Wendy Ritz to see about Inner Act Club helping to stuff Eggs on April 3rd after school
 - c. 59 Kindergartners and 28 Pre-K Students
 - d. Paperwork to go out next week asking parents to send candy donations
- iv. Volunteers are needed to help on April 6th with all Easter festivities. When volunteering, you may need to judge Easter Bonnets and Coloring Pages. You cannot judge your own child's class.
- v. Judging for the bonnets and coloring pages will be discussed. It may change from past years.
 1. Winners per grade, not in a pyramid as in the past

c. Parent Participation

- i. We need more help and an increase in meeting attendance from parents. If we cannot do this, and not just when it is convenient, then we will have to talk about the continuation of the program. We need more than 2 or 3 dedicated volunteers or volunteers that only want to help with the things they want to help with. We need a parent presence during the meetings.
- ii. Looking at incentive programs to get more parents involved; perhaps PTO parents get priority to help with field trips, etc...
- iii. Online meetings were discontinued because of the lack of participation on the parents' behalf.

d. Teacher Appreciation

- i. Mr. Burns grilling for the teachers on the 9th
- ii. Forward any ideas to Tina for Teacher Appreciation

e. Requesting Nursing Bags for each Classroom

- i. Band-Aids, tooth boxes, etc...to help from sending the children to the nurses each time something minor is needed
- ii. Deanne suggested a grant through Dick's Sporting Goods or something similar to get supplies for the classroom; Fulton County Medical Center may also consider donating

Meeting Adjourned

