



PTO Meeting Dates

March 8, 2023
April 12, 2023
May 10, 2023

Upcoming PTO Events

3/8 Romeo's Pizza Night
3/24-3/31 Literati Book Fair
3/26-3/31 Right to Read Week
4/3-4/7 Spring Break
4/12 PTO Meeting @ Powers Cafeteria

Powers PTO Meeting 3/8/2023

Meeting called to order at: **6:00pm**

Approval of the February meeting minutes - Hilary Duffala

- **Motion to approve by Brian T., second by Lori K.**

Principals Report - Mr. Teppner

- **3rd and 1st grade musicals are coming up**
- **Lots of other school districts are visiting. People are talking about Amherst and want to tour Powers. They are curious about the uniqueness of the school.**
- **The PBIS program is doing well.**
 - **Starting to make data driven decisions, targeting behavior.**
 - **Transition from lunch to class has been challenging.**
 - **They have created a Table Captain position that can earn \$5 Comet Cash at the end of the week for helping their group achieve good behavior.**
 - **Monitors have cash to hand out to students for good behavior.**
 - **Reteaching the utilization of the Comet Cash.**
- **Staff is currently working on schedules and calendars for the 2023-24 school year.**
 - **Leadership team is reviewing for approval**
- **There has been a discussion of moving the preschool to the Mercy Rec Center.**
 - **Powers preschool wing is full and preschool has to be offered due to funding.**
 - **50/50 Peer Model with 50% special needs**
 - **The school board visited the center on 3/7 just to view the proposed space.**
 - **School district won't be able to access more federal dollars for the preschool without more space.**
 - **Lots of questions still out there about district growth.**

Executive Board Report

President Report - Nicole Waddell

- **Vote to increase 3rd Grade Shirt Budget by \$600**
 - **Motion by Lindsay H., Second by Kelly S. Motion carries.**
 - **Kids were able to wear their shirts early during field trips. Teachers loved this and asked if we could repeat this next year.**
- **Starting in April, 3rd grade parents are invited to attend Nord PTO Meetings. Next meeting is April 10th at 9am at Nord.**

VP Report - Hilary Duffala

- **Nominations for the 23/24 school year Executive Board positions will be accepted at the April Meeting.**
 - **All current Executive Board members are willing to return.**

Treasurer Report - Amanda Dougherty

- Account Balance 3/6/2023: \$49,786
- Remaining Budgeted Expenses: \$22,234
 - Spent over \$15,000 on Field Day, Grants, Hospitality, Field Trips.

Secretary Report - Lindsay Hough - Please sign in

New Business - Committee Reports

- Dine to Donate, Amy Henderson
 - Romeo's Update - February night \$280
- Book Fair, Jenece Lukejord
 - Book Fair Runs 3/24-3/31 Please volunteer if you are able
 - Are we able to use rewards during the fair so teachers can shop?
 - **\$25 offered to all homeroom teachers, title teachers, specials, intervention specialists and speech therapists.**
 - **High need for volunteers. Sign-up is available online.**
 - **Teachers have asked if there are more books available online than in the classroom.**
 - **Answer: Yes**
 - **Pre-K is not on the Specials schedule. When will they go to Book Fair?**
 - **Mr. Teppner stated that there are holes in the schedule and they will make sure Pre-K kids get to go.**
 - **Recommended asking the High School National Honors Society if they need volunteer hours and could help.**
 - **Nicole will reach out**
- Right to Read Week, Amanda Beres - Remaining Budget: \$1380
 - Please volunteer to help set up on 3/23 if you are able
 - **Volunteers were asked not to bring kids. This is a really special event for the kids. They deserve to be surprised by all the excitement.**
 - **Recommended asking the High School National Honors Society if they need volunteer hours and could help.**
- Field Day, Danielle Lowry - Remaining Budget \$939
 - Dates K&2 5/30 1&3 5/31 (Do we have a rain date)
 - **Only possible rain date is the last day of school. Alternative suggestion is to have Field Day in the gym.**
 - Kona Ice is booked
 - Are spectators allowed for any grade level
 - **Spectators are only allowed for kindergarteners.**
 - **All other volunteers are expected to assist with the events.**
- Staff Appreciation, Lindsay Hough- Remaining Budget \$2500
 - 5/1 -5/5
 - **Theme will be Rock & Roll**
- Community Support, Lindsay Leonard & Jen Marlette
 - Spring Donation Drive partnering with Path and Green
 - **Path & Green specialize in Hygiene bags for girls. Discussed having boys items put in the Care Closet at the schools. Mr. Teppner will approach working with them.**



- **Discussed spreading all items amongst the Care Closets.**

- PBIS, Kelly Simenson - Remaining Budget \$390
 - Comets Cash Store March Dates are 3/20 & 3/23 please sign up if you would like to participate
 - Amazon wishlist - **Will do this for next year. It won't be advertised, but sent to those that inquire.**
 - **Discussed putting out a flower pot with QR codes at Open House that parents could take easily to make donations.**
 - Cafeteria cash update
 - End of year party help
 - **Days this month are a Monday and a Thursday.**
 - **Remaining budget will be enough.**
 - **Kids are purchasing experiences. (i.e. read to a former teacher, end of year party, play sports with an AJH student, VPs Crown, Mr. Teppner's chair, etc.**
 - **Final party will be a glow party.**
 - **If numbers are low, students may be allowed to bring a friend.**
 - **Kids are asking if they can split the cost of a Captain's Table with another student so they can both sit there.**
 - **Possible balloon pop on the last day with random prizes.**
 - **Question: Can kids carry over leftover cash to next year? Mr. Teppner will ask the PBIS Committee.**
 - **Mr. Teppner approached the High School about making a large plexi-glass box to display spent Comet Cash. They are trying to figure out how to make it happen.**
- Apparel, Nicole Waddell
 - We removed winter items and are adding some summer items
 - Sale closes on 4/30 for the year
- Social Event, Hilary Duffala
 - Guardians Game 6/21 tickets available in May
- Open Discussion
 - **Vendor Fair April 26. Lindsay volunteered to man the PTO booth**
 - **Will promote Guardians tickets there.**
 - **Raffle for Under Armour bag.**

Next Meeting will be April 12, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: **7:10pm**