

MINUTES

Towanda Elementary

08/08/2022

Back to School Night will be 8/15/2022 – 6:00-7:00pm

- Michelle, Lyndsay & Kristine will represent PTO. Budget \$50.
- Table with popsicles/balloons/PTO informational flyers
- PTO flyer will be sent out via email and posted on Facebook
- Look into cost of cloth orange tablecloth that can be reused going forward
- PTO will provide donuts to new kindergarten parents on first day of school. Offers opportunity for parents to connect. We will notify parents with a flyer on kindergarten classroom doors during Back-to-School night.

Volunteers

- How do we get people to volunteer? Historically - not a good response for room parents
 - o Last year room parents coordinated classroom parties/gathering funds/teacher gifts. We will still request a room parent for each classroom, but this year we will offer volunteer sign-up sheets at Back-to-School night for each classroom party. Allow more parents to get involved and spread responsibilities.
 - o Heather to make sign up sheets & will coordinate room parents.
 - o Classroom party dates: 10/28, 12/15 & 2/14. All will be held 1:30-2:30pm
 - o Heather will coordinate Staff Info/Staff Favorite sheets – This will be complete by all staff.
 - Teachers also might want to create Amazon wish lists. The PE wish list usually sells out quickly each year.
- IMC Volunteers. Mrs. Stiers & Thompson usually handle sign up genius.

Ice Cream Social will be 8/24/2022

- Michele, Andi & Joy will work together
 - o Need big tubs of ice cream, sprinkles, syrup, bowls, spoons
 - o Allergy friendly options will be provided.
 - o Open house from 6-7:00. Tables may be in gym or outside
 - o An email will go out with information.

Character Gram Store

- Heather coordinating. Budget \$600
 - o Tentative date for first store will be 9/27/22. Every other month going forward
 - Heather planning on attending most months but will coordinate volunteers to help as needed. Would be nice to have at least 2 volunteers for each event
 - o Staff will weigh in on time of store. Have done lunch/recess in the past

- Discussed tracking of character grams. Master spreadsheet vs each child maintaining a bag
- Amazon wish list being created. Variety of price points/merchandise

Dine to Donate

- Heather coordinating
 - Will look for volunteers to lead each month
 - Typically choose restaurants with a 20-25% return
 - Chipotle, Chuck E Cheese historically raise lots of \$. Krispy Kreme was popular last year
 - Bob Evans pies, pizza option, Buffalo Wild Wings might be new fun options for this year

General

- Naomi will make events for Facebook for parties, ice cream social, etc
- Might be nice to offer short blocks of time in future sign-up genius emails. Some parents can't commit to a 2-3-hour block of time.
- Electronics drive we started last year can be ongoing. We still have boxes.
- Discussed sharing directions with families for first day/week drop off/pick-up to avoid confusion. Suggestion of a map/email to go out that provides information for all before school starts.
- Key Club will again provide childcare at future PTO meetings.
- Field trips are allowed again
- Some Covid restrictions have been lifted.

In Attendance

Lyndsay Sellitto
Hailey Morey
Sarah Nix
Andi Sarff
Hetal Kommes
Michelle Panizzi
Brian Brennan
Heather Fermon
Kristine Koerner
Naomi Arndt
Joy Henderson
Marlys Bennington

Next Meeting

Monday, September 12th & 6:00 pm