

## Towanda PTO

### Meeting Minutes November 29, 2021 (December Meeting)

- Principal's Notes: Mr. Vogel
  - Not present this month
- President: Lora Weigman
  - Thank you for being flexible with the meeting date. The original date conflicted with the middle school orchestra concert.
  - The unraiser letter will go out soon. We want it to go out now because we have several fundraising options planned for the spring.
    - Note: If you work at State Farm or Country Companies you can apply for a Dollar Match – any money you donate will be matched by your company! Please take advantage of this if you choose to donate and work at one of those companies.
- Treasurer: Naomi Arndt
  - Beginning of November: \$ 4401.33
  - Spent: \$ 1702.95
  - Earned: \$ 2135.98
  - End of November: \$ 4834.36
  - Deposits were from Scrip and Chipotle (\$455)
  - Naomi put in a request for a Dine to Donate at Panda Express in January
  - We can do another at Chipotle six months after the first
  - We are a go for the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. Naomi will have a google doc to reserve codes. We will sell codes for a dozen donuts for \$11 and earn \$5.50 from each sale. There is no expiration date for the codes.
- Old Business
  - Holiday Character Gram Store
    - Parents were very generous with their donations following the Amazon wish list request. Naomi will fill in with some extra fuzzy socks and chap sticks purchased by the PTO.
    - Items will be for sale at different "price points" (5/3/1 character grams) so that every student can participate
    - Students will be able to purchase two items at first so everyone can have a chance. We discussed how to let them choose more gifts as we have added possible sibling/friend gifts to the options.
    - PTO will have a character gram table set up at the evening book fair (12/7 from 5-6:30). Lora and Naomi will staff it and request extra help if needed.
    - We will also be at school for a day (TBD) for students to purchase. **Volunteers will be requested when we know the day.**
  - Alternative to Deck the Halls
    - Deck the Halls is an event traditionally held in December for Towanda families. Students and their families come together to make tree ornaments, construct a giant paper chain, play games, and enjoy snacks and a photo booth. The event can not be held this year due to crowd sizes.
    - Mr. Hadden is organizing a way for students to create the traditional paper chain at school. He, Lora, and Mrs. Merilatt will cut paper. Additional help has been offered if needed.

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- PTO will order wooden Christmas ornaments for our 177 students. They will be sent home with a note asking students to decorate them and bring them back to school. Michelle will take care of this.
- Decorated ornaments will be returned to students at a later date.
- Staff Holiday gifts from the PTO
  - We discussed gift options and assigned days. Anyone who is purchasing the planned gifts can give Naomi their receipts for reimbursement. We will provide 25 gifts each day.
  - Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> – Michelle will deliver
  - Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> – Kristine and Naomi are coordinating
  - Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> – Heather will deliver
  - Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> – Lori will deliver
  - Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> – Naomi and Haley are coordinating
- Important Dates
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> – Evening hours for the book fair 5-6:30
  - December 8<sup>th</sup> – Late Start
  - December 20<sup>th</sup> – First day of Winter Break
  - January 5<sup>th</sup> – First day back to school
- How Can We Help?
  - Donate to the unraiser and dollar match if you work for State Farm or Country Companies
  - Encourage your students to decorate and return the ornaments to help make the school festive this season
- Attendance
  - Lora Weigman
  - Michelle Panizzi
  - Megan Korn
  - Naomi Arndt
  - Kristine Koerner
  - Heather Fermon
  - Brandi Rockwell
  - Sarah Mosby
  - Haley Morey