

PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2023

Elementary Art Room 3:30 PM

Email Attendees (15): Tiffany Knight, Stephanie Smith, Ashley Francis, Natasha McFadden, Sharlean Lynch, Courtney Moore, Stacy Smith, Sheree Middaugh, Karen Palmer, Sherry Deshong, Amanda Norris, Carrie Shaw, Alex Bolinger, Betsy Shingleton, Sierra Williams

In Person Attendees (24): Tina McCracken, Logan Kennedy, Erin Younker, Alice Lynch, Billy McCracken, Stephanie Barton, Donna Beale, Jami Eader, Jen Scott, Harlie Koontz, Christina Schultz, Destane Morris, Sarah Sipes, Shannon Pittman, Vonda Hollinshead, Amber Leader, Amanda Brumbaugh, Ellen Gluntz, Kristen Dion, Marley Baker, Meg Whitsel, Aimee Fischer, Heather Powell, Amber Goldizen, Amber Taylor

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Old Business

- a. Meeting Dates:
 - i. Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 21, Apr 25, May 23, July 2024
- b. Coffee Cart Dates:
 - i. Nov 16, Dec 15, Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 15, Apr 15, May 15
 - 1. Volunteers Needed for all
- c. Marianna's Fundraisers
 - i. Orders due Nov 3
 - ii. Orders coming in on Nov 20
 - 1. Need help with distribution
 - a. Arrive 12:30 pm to help clean up cafeteria after the last lunch is over at 12:45pm
 - 2. Pick up is from 2pm - 4pm at the lower cafeteria doors
- d. Indian Tribal Walk - **November 11th 10am - 2pm**
 - i. Papers and flyers went out to students last week (10/16-20)
 - ii. Students will be sponsored for their walk.
 - iii. Community is welcome to join for a \$10 fee.
 - iv. Water, coffee, and Hot chocolate will be available for sale.
 - v. Spirit Wear order forms will also be available.
 - vi. Volunteers are needed to help with beverages and registration.
Papers are going out to members to sign up to volunteer.
Volunteers should arrive no later than 9:30am

- vii. We have use of the concession stand at the track. We can set up prior to the event as soon as the area is cleaned out for us.
 - viii. Suggested prizes for next year to the student who raises the most funds.
- e. Spirit Wear has come in. If you have not received your order, please contact Tina McCracken at sfpto2022@gmail.com
- f. Class Shirts
 - i. Orders still coming in as of 10/23. Order will go to the printers by Friday hopefully, but still waiting on teachers to return shirt sizes
- g. Trunk or Treat is October 27th 6-8 pm
 - i. We now have (3) large tubs of candy that have been purchased and donated. PTO has purchased 18 large Sam's Club bags so far.
- h. Rade Knives
 - i. I am putting this off until spring.
- i. Milk and Cookies with Santa
 - i. **December 1st 6-8pm**
- j. Chorus Concert Dec 4th
- k. Santa's Workshop
 - i. **Dec 5 - Set up = ALL DAY**
 - ii. **Dec 6-8 Shopping for students during Library Block**
 - iii. Dec 11 - Shopping for any students that were absent and teardown. Inventory will be taken.
 - iv. **Volunteers are needed for all days; please arrive by 8am**
- l. Ugly Sweater Contest Dec 15 -
 - i. Tina, Coffee Cart Volunteer, and Admin Will judge
 - 1. Teachers will send out their best one per class. Judges will go from there. One prize per classroom and a final Best of all prize will be given.
 - 2. \$10 for grade winner, \$15 for Best Overall - WalMart

3. Sign up Sheets

- a. I will have sign up sheets available for each event we need volunteers for at each meeting. Please plan to help. If it is during school hours, only those with clearances can help.

4. New Business

- a. Later meeting times
 - i. I have been asked about later meeting times.
 - 1. How many people would actually show up? In the past, fewer people showed up in the later meetings as they were busy with their families.
 - 2. IF we did this, it would be the same date and place, only a 2nd meeting at a later time. This would be open to parents and teachers that cannot make the early meeting.
 - 3. I would be willing to try this one time. My time is also valuable and I do not want to waste time for those that do not show up. I have opened the meetings up to email attendees, since virtual meetings we tried last year did not work. I do have several consistent email attendees and I believe this is working.
- 4. We will try (1) meeting at 6pm Virtually to see if any more in attendance; will be held in 2024**
- b. Sign Up Genius
 - i. Erin Younker is trying to use Sign Up Genius for signing up for PTO events. Erin explained and will send the link via email to Tina
- c. Field Trips
 - i. I wanted to be clear about field trips, as this has been discussed in the past, and the final decision has been made and agreed upon by the PTO and Administration - Active PTO parents will be given precedence on the field trips. If a class needs 10 chaperones and has only 5 PTO parents, other parents will be used. However, if a class only needs 5 chaperones and 10 parents volunteer, the PTO parents will get the first chance to attend the event.
- d. Questions have been asked about having parents come in for lunches with students, issue is being addressed and looking for clarification and procedures on how to make this work
- e. We are supporting Red Ribbon week this week.

- f. Teachers will decorate their doors for Christmas - judging will be December 15th
 - i. Winning classroom will receive a Pizza Lunch Party
- g. Any new other new business or thoughts on anything discussed this afternoon. Now is the time to bring it up while we have a group gathered.
- h. Teacher Presents - any suggestions?
- i. Dinner will be provided for Teachers on November 21st -
 - i. Pizza was suggested and parents preparing instead to save money; Taco bar will be set up for teachers that evening
 - ii. Sign Up Genius and Email Sign Up will be made
 - iii. Tina will set up Coffee Cart drinks that day