

ISAAC PTO

12-Feb-2024 Meeting Notes

Participants

- Katie Hallisey
- Jim Gauld
- Katherine Trejo-Thorp
- Kristie Bojarski
- Bill Linski
- Mercedes Alger
- Sandy Zapata

1. Katie called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM
2. Question raised to adjust PTO meeting scheduled during Spring Break. Consensus was to change the date from 9-April to 2-April. Bill will update the PTO website.
3. Principal's Update
Just had its first Open House last week on 8-Feb, which he stated was "phenomenal".
 - Had over 100 people, and lots of out-of-district families.
 - 82 New London applicants and 81 Out of district applicants.
 - Next open house is this Thursday, 15-Feb

Last day of school has been bumped to June 3rd

School application lottery will be announced in March.

- Take in 95% 6th graders every year.
- 7-8 grade families won't know until May-June, possibly into summer.

Katie asked: "Do students leave in 6/7 grade?"

Bill replied, "Regardless of reason, there is always a semblance of transiency. On average, if we take in 100 at 6th, by 8th grade we're at the 87-88 mark/retention."

March 1 is the teacher budget deadline. Esther2 [spelling?] funding has reached its end/limit.

4. Officer's Reports
Katie had nothing to update.

Treasurer: Everything basically the same. + \$0.03 interest Current balance: \$497.39

5. Upcoming Events

Mr. G's dine out night will be Feb 28 from 4-7 pm

- Katherine has flyers printed and has been distributing them at local supermarkets and libraries.
- Will be posted on the bulletin board at Mr. G's.
- Bill asked for electronic copy of flier for use on website, newsletter, and other electronic means (i.e., facebook, instagram)

Katie reached out to Capt Scott's. Sue Eschenfelder [sp?] indicated there was not enough room this year. We will request now to be added to their list for next year.

Jim has sent an email to Angela at the Recovery Room. No response yet. Katie, Bill, or Katherine will work their connections to get a response.

Kristie has reached out to Denny's and Woodfella's. Has not heard back from Woodfella's.

Kathy reached out to Jeremy at the Shack

- Can we leverage all three locations at once??? 4-7pm
- Fun fact: Bill was a line cook at the Shack when he was 16 yo

Katie mentioned Cultura. This is a take out venue only but the owner is highly involved in the community. Confirmed that ISAAC staff really enjoys their empanadas!

Teacher Appreciation Week

- Considering using Cultura for staff lunch.

Trivia Night

- Date considerations are April 26 or May 3.
- Katie spoke to Colin yesterday to host. Colin is checking his calendar for availability and will get back to Katie.
- Will be held at the school cafeteria.
- Need to discuss and establish:
 - Cost to parents?
 - Sponsorship levels (i.e., Rookie, Triple A, Grand Slam?)
 - Colin's recommendations?
 - 4-6 players per team?
 - \$100 reg fee per team?
- Advertise as a night out with ISAAC; promote as family night.

Kristie raised Penny Wars as a potential fundraiser

- Silver coins brought up at face value/Penny take off a cent
- Katherine does this at Winthrop; raised ~\$1500
- Bill is open to it, but is concerned about money coming from families.
- No planning required. Need jars and advertising.
- Charter Oak has a coin counter for no fee.
- Katherine explained that kids get really into it.
- Consider running it during Spirit Week or tied to St. Patrick's Day.
- Bill will consult with the Student Council for recommended dates.

August 1 will be a summer picnic at the end of summer school. Bill considers this good event for PTO recruitment. Bill can print banners.

Upcoming Spirit Week @ beginning of March. Another at the beginning of SBAC week (May 13-17)

6. Adjourned at 7:09 PM ET.