

PTO Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024
3:30 pm Elementary Art Room

Email Attendees: Sheree Middaugh, Stacy Smith, Lori Bard, Vonda Hollenshead, Lora Whiteside, Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Barton, Amber Taylor, Destane Morris, Sharlean Lynch, Danielle Hann, Carrie Shaw

In Person Attendees: Tina McCracken, Logan Kennedy, Alice Lynch, Harlie Koontz, Marley Baker, Meg Whitsel, Mara Broadwater, Donna Beale, Suzette Knox, Sarah Sipes, Kristen Dion, Brittany McFadden, Aimee Fischer

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Meeting Dates:

- a. March 21, April 25, May 23, July 2024 (to be announced at May meeting)
- b. Virtual Meetings may be held at any of the above dates, but all are currently in person. **Used primarily on snow day/flex days**

3. Coffee Cart Dates:

- a. March 15, April 15, May 15
- b. Volunteers needed for April and May. **May is covered**

4. Old Business:

a. Virtual Meeting opportunities:

- i. We had an attendance of 25 at last month's virtual meeting. 14 Teachers (1 officer), 11 parents (3 of which were officers); Email - 1 Teacher. This is more than I expected, but no different than what we have coming in person during this school year. Those that have not shown up in person have emailed, the only difference with January is that those that emailed normally, actually signed into the virtual meeting.
- ii. Meeting dates and attendance (in person- email) : July 19 (13-6), Aug 29 (24-5), Sept 26(20-6), Oct 40 (25-15), Nov 22 (16-6), Dec 20 (12-8), Jan 25 (24-1)
- iii. Could use virtual meetings in place on snow or flex days.

b. Marianna's Subs:

- i. Got a late start due to a misprint in the labels. Papers were handed to Pre-K thru 3rd grades on Feb 14. If anyone would like a paper, they are on the table in front of Tina and in the elementary office.
- ii. Orders and money are due March 5. Delivery is March 25. Volunteers need to be here by 1pm. Truck will be here at 1:30. Parent pickup is from 2:30-4:30.

c. Coin War:

- i. We did very well at the Coin War. We made a profit of \$1736.26. This is \$34.55 less than we did last year (\$1770.81). **Profit will increase due to late donation. (42.45 is added. Bringing out totals to a profit of \$1778.71, an increase of \$7.90 over last year.)**
- ii. Our winners: Mrs. Whitsel's class brought in over 103.9 lbs (@\$140.75) and Mrs. Sipes's class who brought in 63.1 lbs (@\$239.92). Mrs Sipes's class carried the lead all week for weight, but with larger bills Mrs Whitsel's class took the lead. We supplied both classrooms with a pizza party.
- iii. Should we change the way we figure the wins? We started weighing the change so we did not have to count and wrap gallon bags of change. This came in handy this year as only Tina signed up to count the weights. Amber Taylor came in along with Billy McCracken on Friday to verify bill count. We counted the bills as 1lb per \$ amount. When figuring the amount each classroom brought in we discovered that you can bring in more either way. Should we continue doing as we have been, but change the winner from weight to \$? As it currently stands, the one that brought in the most weight would win, but with the big difference from weight to dollars, we decided to give each a pizza party. Should we change this next year? The class who brings in the most \$\$ wins, or the most weight? **Decided that there will be a party for the most dollar amount AND most weight-same way we did this year. Potential for one class to earn both and they would only receive one party.**

d. Rada:

- i. Begins March 11. Ends April 5. Delivery to be determined. We will order some of the cheaper items to sell at Santa's workshop next year. We will post the delivery date on DoJo. Hope to have it by the March meeting. **No knives would be purchased for Santa Shop. Suggested to do this fundraiser next fall as well so that we could possibly increase sales for Christmas.**

e. Easter Activities:

- i. Egg Hunt - March 22 for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Need donations of candy and baskets. Please have donations to the school by March 8th. The Interact Club will help fill the eggs on March 12th at the High School at the end of the school day. Tina will take the

candy and eggs to them. **Texas Roadhouse will be donating eggs/candy for the event.**

- ii. Coloring Contest - Papers will be handed out to each class in early March. These need to be turned in no later than March 20. Judging will be at the March Meeting by the parents attending the meeting.
- iii. Bonnet Contest - participants design and construct their own hats. Submissions will be due March 22 and judged by the Easter Egg Hunt volunteers. This year entries will be placed on the floor outside of the classrooms. We do not want to know who decorated each hat. Judges will not judge their students' grades.
- iv. Prizes will be per grade. \$5 for coloring, and \$10 for the bonnet contest. No overall prize will be given this year.
- v. Sign ups are on Sign Up Genius, and also in paper form on the table in front of Tina. Please contact Tina if you have any questions.

5. New Business:

a. Banking Issues:

- i. These will only be discussed during the meeting and not on the internet for security reasons. If you have any questions, please see Tina or Erin. **Bank will be changed. Donna Beal made a motion and Meg Whitsel and Sarah Sipes Seconded. Motion passes.**

b. Membership issues:

- i. Help is needed. Everyone wanted to sign up at the beginning of the year, but no one is helping now. Why? Is it because they have attended their required 3 meetings/activities? **Marley suggested looking into games of chance and hosting some sort of raffle/cash bingo to bring one large lump sum versus multiple fundraisers. This will be discussed next summer. Possible committees to be formed to do bingo baskets to collect/combine prizes. Tickets for cash and local prizes could be sold.**