

November General PTO Virtual Meeting

Attendance: A. Porter, K. Rengel, H. Goff, L. Buchanan, L. Kerrigan, K. Drennan, Karissa, S. Benedum, K. Jablonowski, J. Schmeer, Dr. Moppert, K. Wilkes(staff), M. Hellwig, K. Miller, T. Martin-Dunlap, J. Hagan, M. Heikkila, L. Brown, M. Sinclair

October meeting minutes approved.

AGENDA:

Thanks to all of the volunteers for the most recent PTO related events. All events have been successful, including the Fun Run and Trunk or Treat.

Committee Updates:

- Tasty Treats are next week, still accepting donations.
- Parkmoor Dine Out next week. Look for blast text and Facebook posts.
- Book Fair taking place in gym foyer after school in conjunction with teacher conferences. Look for SUG on Facebook page to volunteer in a variety of capacities. Always have an online component (a week before and after). Discussion of what happens with our “earnings”; as it relates to how individual teachers run their own shops for their classroom. Fair will be closed during the school day- no preview day, no wish list, no giveaways, no student shopping. Thanks to Suzie for continuing her role as chair!
- Conference Meals: Look for SignUp on Facebook for a Nov 15th teacher meal provided by ERS parents. Heather is handling all Teacher Appreciation Meals for now.
- Minted/Shutterfly update: Mary Jo is working on Minted. Lynn is trying to work on Shutterfly. Details to follow. Understanding this is time sensitive event and replaces a restaurant dine out for December.
- Fall Penny Drive : November 8-12: “Thankful for our Specials Teachers” - donate via Square or in the classroom. Prizes may include pizza party, extra recess. Let’s leave it to the banks to roll the coins. The collection buckets will look like turkeys- stuff the turkey! Coins aren’t readily available, so opening it up to other options is best.
- Giving Drive: December 9-16th Good group of helpers. Luesse may recommend a local food pantry. Leaning toward canned food/personal products drive – to be collected at school. More details forthcoming.
- Enrichment and Talent Show need to be chaired and/or addressed. ACTION ITEM: Board to discuss in December whether or not these can actually happen.
- Hellwig Happy Hour – all are welcome!

- Holiday Drop Off – Buy a package to be delivered to a students door. Packages may include a craft or small food item.
- Thank you to Kaylyn for your Room Parent Coordinator work!

EQUITY: Check for updates from their Facebook page. Meeting about One Book One School and how this relates to Family Reading Night (volunteer opportunity). Met with Dr. Wuch and Social Justice committee- more to come on that. ACTION ITEM: Anything Equity can do to help get ERS students to the mass vaccination clinic?

Treasurer's Report: Fun Run big success, all bills are paid, reimbursements have been issued.

Staff Update: Welcome to 3rd grade teachers. J. Schmeer is working on graphing while heading into multiplication and division. Social studies is working on a new unit of MO gov't . Writing personal narratives and starting informational books to coincide with reading non-fiction books. Wishing to get a science field trip at the Magic House! Suggestion: Maybe this could be part of our future small fundraising endeavors? Need to make field trips equitable for these kids. Yay 3rd grade for killing it on the Fun Run! Holding this during the day was really inclusive for the kids. Plus, we made it in the paper! 3rd Grade Wish List- big umbrellas (as this relates to the modulars). Resolution could come from the room parents.

Per Dr. Moppert, the modulars are here to stay for awhile, a slower phase out than originally anticipated. The district has done some work to help with the drainage significantly. Thanks to all the families who showed up for the costume parade and thanks to all for making some really fun fall parties. Sign up for your conferences! Clarification of positive covid results protocol. "It is ever changing" but the Lead Nurse (at High School) makes the call. Much depends upon the exposure. I.e. ,is it the student or is it the parent? When was the student last in school? No standard policy – case by case. Letter is sent home to classroom sometimes.

New Business: Suggestion to include grandparents events. ACTION ITEM: board to discuss.

Still looking for chairs for multiple events as well as coverage for Kathryn. Night at the Ballpark has historically been coordinated by Kissick.

Meeting adjourned. Next general meeting January 6, 2022.