

February 5th PTO Meeting Minutes

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[2023-24 District Calendar](#) - Full View ; [Most updated Staff Favorite Things list](#) ; [Spirit Wear Store](#)
[PTO Page on school/district site](#) ; [Staff List 2023-24](#)

1. Updates

a. Principal and Staff Updates

1. Ms Beecham appreciated the gift cards that was donated to them from the PTO.
2. Ms. Harrison is back from being out, but Ms. Olsen is still out.
3. The winter formal is coming. The Parkmoor is donating chicken strips and cheese burgers. If not, ther will be chips, cupcakes and juice. Adult/Parent help is needed to help set up the gym from 1-2 on the day of the event. This is the first time the fifth graders have planned an event – but they are very excited!
4. A big thank you to everyone that came out for the hundredth day of school.
5. A thank you to everyone that helped with KDG information night. We already have 24 new KDG signed up for the fall. This is a higher number than we have had in the past.
6. The performance from the Black Rep is coming up this Thursday, February 8th.

b. Executive Board Updates

i. Presidents

1. Approve January Meeting Minutes – Moved and seconded by Megan and Mitch. Minutes approved.
2. Gift Cards/letters to teachers - Betsy got these and Ms. Beecham distributed at staff meeting
3. Updates from last PTO Leadership Zoom re: nonprofit status
 - a. Essentially - it looks like it will make sense for each school to re-file as independent nonprofit
 - b. Umbrella would stay active long enough for everyone to get fully transitioned over, so that wouldn't be a worry
 - c. For us, would especially be good since we still are listed as Computer School in most places
 - d. This will be a lot of work and would have to start ASAP, would have to get new bank account, would also have to make sure our bylaws are updated (though Kathryn Drennan used ours as one of her guides so we might be good)
 - e. There is some guidance already, there is more offered by others going through it (Kathryn Drennen), and district would hold zoom sessions to help get started
 - f. Idea is to have all paperwork submitted/ball rolling ASAP, but it's not likely it will all be done by summer for clean new fiscal year - will likely have to do tax paperwork for old and new EINS in one year
4. Letterhead just picked up

5. Trivia Night
 - a. Ticket sales begin March 1 - can get a table or just individual tickets
 - b. Round/event sponsorships available - \$75 for a round, \$250 for event sponsorship
 - c. A little behind on getting volunteer sign-ups ready - need to set up separate meeting for anyone who wants to be on "committee" for focused planning
 - d. Maria emailed room parents for baskets and ideas
 - e. Will use new letterhead for solicitation letters to go out ASAP - will solicit volunteers to drop off these around once printed
 - ii. Vice Presidents
 1. Communications went out to all room parents with guidelines on the classroom parties.
 - iii. Secretaries
 1. We are looking for someone to fill the open Secretary position.
 - iv. Treasurers
 1. Budget Review
 - a. Winter Formal cost updates
 2. Recent Income
 1. Discussing payments for upcoming winter formal
 2. Giftcards have been purchased for staff/teachers
 3. Basketball Hoops were brought up, as the current hoops are too high for elementary age students. Ms. Beecham shared that hoops have been requested. Jason Mueller is the district contact for status on the basketball hoops and whether PTO needs to be involved in that purchase process.
 - v. Equity
 1. Chess Club: Going well and there has been a significant increase in parent participation. Thank you to those that are helping!
 2. [Equity Event](#) : "Rising Together: Family Work for Racial Equity" - Join the WGSD PTO equity committees on Monday, Feb. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Givens Elementary School Auditorium for "Rising Together: Family Work for Racial Equity." - It's been 10 years since Michael Brown was killed and the Ferguson Uprising inspired commitments to racial justice. Come hear where that work stands now, how high school students who came of age in a post-Ferguson world assess their landscape and the work that lies ahead, and how you can lead your family to ensure our community's children have the opportunity to rise together. Childcare will be provided in the Givens cafeteria. If you plan to use childcare, please let us know in advance by filling out the form at bit.ly/RisingTogetherChildcare.
2. Recent Event Recaps - these were all school-led, not PTO
 - Kindergarten Info Night - PTO and GAP had tables/presence

- STEM Night – Lots of positive feedback! The hope is to have this event again next year with some expansion into the school day.
- 100th Day of School

3. Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Thursday, 2/8:** Black Rep Performance
- **Friday, 2/9:** Winter Formal at Givens
- **2/12 - 2/15:** Kindness Week
- **Monday, 2/12:** Rising Together / Family Equity Event @ Givens - 6:30-8
- **Monday, 2/15:** Trimester Parties / Day of Play
- **Friday, 2/16:** No School (Professional Learning)

4. Ongoing Business

a. Fundraising

i. Dining Out – Working on an upcoming Hi-Pointe/Cyranos

ii. [Spirit Wear Store](#) — Reopened for 2024!

b. Volunteer Needs

i. Marquee - Need Feb volunteer

ii. Chess Club supervision

iii. Teacher birthday treats - [sign up to contribute](#)

iv. Campus Beautification - Need to talk with Pollinator Paradise on spring schedule and help to better promote opps to help. A company is coming that weeds and installs mulch, so there hasn't been as much need for assistance through pollinator paradise.

v. Pollinator Paradise:

vi. Room Parents - [Room Parent Sign-up status / link to sign-up sheet](#)

Exec Board & Committee Members for 2023-24 School Year

PTO Exec Board:

- Senior President: **Sarah Paradoski**
- Junior President: **Betsy Hedrick**
- Senior VP: **Audrey Nemeth**
- Junior VP: **Megan Martin**
- Senior Treasurer: **Mitch Lorenz**
- Junior Treasurer: **Natasha Garcia**
- Senior Secretary: **Alex Guffey**
- Junior Secretary: **Open**
- Senior Equity Officer: **Kate Zwolak**
- Junior Equity Officer: **Yorba McQueary**

Committees / Coordinators:

- Social Coordinators: **Jamie Scott/Audrey Nemeth/Amy Escott**
- Dine Out Coordinators: **Jamie Scott/Audrey Nemeth/Amy Escott**
- Pollinator Paradise Coordinator: **Nicole Miller-Struttman**

Pollinator Paradise Junior Coordinator: **Open**