

Pennell PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Everyone / Introductions

Teresa Mai

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Palladino

- PBIS Assembly Friday 9/16. Wear your Pennell shirts. We'll have a Pennell Pride day usually the 2nd Wednesday of every month
- Ms. Dolhancryk has will be subbing for Ms. Samuelian while she is on maternity leave
- Ms. Croulet has started in room 100 - Autistic Support with K & 1st graders
- Ms. Cahill will soon be starting in the other Autistic Support classroom, still waiting to be released from previous her position
- Ms. Sioutis is subbing for Mrs. Watts who is still on maternity leave
- Pennell is still hiring for paraprofessionals, there are also other openings in the District
- Applications for homeroom parents is [online](#), linked in the 9/11 newsletter. Due 9/30
- MTSS (multi-tier support system) will be a big focus this year (will explain more at Back to School Night)
 - Small groups with same skill deficit
 - More specific intervention after that (even smaller groups, one on one)
 - PBIS
 - Theme this year is "Don't quit"
 - Dismissal - Mrs. Palladino is taking responsibility for changes this year, it's a lot to track to make sure everyone is safe.
 - Please reach out to her with concerns/complaints/feedback
 - Recess yard will stay locked until 3:15. Dismissal is 3:25
 - Changes take time to get used to, if things aren't working we can adapt
 - A parent asked why the kids are in the gym after drop off, not in the halls - the crowding is a safety issue, in terms of space & supervision

Teacher Representative's Report:

Mrs. Pringle

- Thank you for snacks & supplies & reimbursements & Scholastic/Time magazines for the classrooms
- The nurse could use some spare clothes (can be gently used) and underwear (new in package) for all sizes!

Treasurer's Report:

Nicole Pharaoh

- [See file here](#)

Business:

1. Students/Staff Shirts/Planners/Back to School Breakfast/Stock the lounge/vouchers
 - Additional shirts have been ordered for students who did not receive them yet
 - PTO purchased the planners for 3-5 grades
 - Back to School breakfast & stock the lounge - thank you for donations!

- Teachers get a supply voucher for their classrooms as well
2. Membership
 - Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far!
 - To volunteer you must have clearances on file - [there is a link with details on the PDSB website](#). Pennell will host a "Cookies & Clearances" event soon where volunteers can come in to get help with the process
 3. Box Tops / Amazon Smile / Discount Cards
 - Box Tops app - scan every grocery receipt!
 - Amazon smile - easy to set up on your Amazon account
 - Discount Cards - now \$7.50 (half price)
 4. Book Fair
 - Flyers came home this week. Details on our [website](#).
 - Classes will shop Sept 19 - 22
 - Family Night 9/22 5-7pm, please register online
 - Online shopping through Oct 2. Free shipping for orders \$25 & more
 - Set up an eWallet so your child doesn't have to carry cash
 - A Parent asked about a link her teacher sent home to buy books - that's the book club that supports each classroom (specific code per class). Those books are cheaper & your class earns freebies, but it's separate from book fair
 5. Spirit Wear Sale
 - Flyer coming home soon. Tie dye tees, gray sweatshirts, hats
 6. Waddling Update
 - \$15, additional \$5 for a birthday sign
 - [Sign up online](#)
 7. Homecoming
 - October 7
 - Parade from Aston Community Center to the Sun Valley stadium (receive tickets to the game)
 - Parents must stay with their kids!
 8. Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser
 - Flyers coming home mid October, delivery will be mid November
 9. Fall Fest
 - 10/21 6 - 8:30pm (rain date 10/28)
 - We need at least one person interested in becoming co-chair next year to shadow the committee this year
 - Trunk decorating, treat trail, haunted maze
 10. Garden/Outdoor Classroom
 - Joanna Hawrylak (??) has offered to tackle some of the plants & care
 - Kristen Egan shared some ideas from the school where she works & will bring in some info to share
 - We still need a committee chair.
 - Mrs. Irving is working on ideas for more "outdoor classroom" space than gardens
 11. Pen's Den
 - Oct 13 (also January, March & May - includes Kindergarten)
 - During lunch this year
 - Prices will go up to \$0.25 - \$1.50 PLEASE SEND CHANGE, NOT BIG BILLS
 - We will use SignUpGenius to collect volunteers
 12. Yearbook
 - Steph Martin
 - Please take pics all year & send to yearbookpennell@gmail.com
 - Need coverage for Homecoming parade - make sure to get the whole group, 5th grade, the staff & action shots of the parade
 13. Committee overview and open positions - [see handout](#)
 - Need this year - Outdoor Classroom & Spring Event
 - Need next year - Fall Fest & Variety Show
 14. Fifth Grade Information
 - No news
 15. Questions

SAVE THE DATES

9/19-9/22 Book Fair (9/21 5-7pm family shop)

9/23 Half Day

10/5 Picture Day

10/7 Homecoming

10/11 PTO Meeting

10/13 Pen's Den

10/21 Fall Fest rain date 10/28

10/26 Little Caesar's Due

11/7 & 11/8 No School

11/8 PTO Meeting

11/14 Little Caesars Delivery Week

11/16 Picture Make-up Day

11/21, 11/22, 11/23 Half Days

11/24 & 11/25 No School

Join PTO & our school DIRECTORY

<https://bit.ly/PTOmembership22-23>



Become a VOLUNTEER

<https://bit.ly/Pennellvolunteers22-23>



Thank you so much for coming out tonight. We appreciate your support!

Any questions please email us @ pto4pennell@gmail.com

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