

Pennell PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Everyone / Introductions

Teresa Mai

Principal

Dr. Danielle Murray

- Announced new library assistant (Kristie Ellis) has started a few days a week until they fill her spot at Northley
- Thanked PTO for library volunteers, PBIS gift card donation, snacks for the staff room
- This is Dr. Murray's last meeting as our principal - Mrs. Palladino will be here next month, as well as possibly Dr. Steinhoff.
- Mrs. Palladino visited today to shadow Dr. Murray around the building

Teacher Representative:

Mrs. Wiley

- Thanks for the snacks, library volunteers, recess kit refills & new microwave (a donation from Lowe's in Wilmington)
- Rock Your Socks is 3/21. Socks are now on sale for \$2/a pair. Students can also wear their own mismatch socks as we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
- Autism Awareness shirts will be available for sale at the end of March. They will feature a new design with an infinity symbol, which is replacing the previously used puzzle piece. This new design reflects changing views of the autistic adult community.

Treasurer Report:

Jennifer Snook

Bank balance

2/1/22: \$11,759.87

2/28/22: \$13,476.17

Income

5th grade activity: \$1,299.05

Waddle: \$20

Pen's Den: \$55.93

Spiritwear: \$55

Variety show (t-shirt deposit): \$739.71

Expenses

Assemblies (paid teacher CPR certification for Girls on the Run): \$35

Faculty Voucher: \$100

Hospitality/Stock the Lounge: \$215.34

Staff Gifts: (pens for teacher appreciation week): \$63.55

Business:

1. Gertrude Hawk (Jenn Fisher)
 - Online sales are still open for direct shipping
 - Envelope orders will be submitted today
 - Sales are down from last year so far,, but we will get 50% of proceeds
 - Orders will be available for pick up the week of April 4. Exact date TBD but it will be after school
2. Discount Cards
 - Flyers came home this week
 - orders due 3/25 by turning in the flyer or filling out the google form
 - \$15 cash/check/venmo
3. Variety Show - 4/22
 - PLEASE turn in your music if you have not already
 - PLEASE sign up for dress rehearsal - a sign up genius went out to the parent listed for each act
 - Volunteers needed for rehearsal & the night of the show.
4. Phillies Game
 - Date TBD - chorus has an event as the Blue Rocks on 5/22
5. Yearbook (Steph Martin)
 - Flyers went home 2 weeks ago (there are extras in the office)
 - Can also be ordered online
 - Orders due 4/20 - includes free personalization, which must be added to your cart as a separate item (see FB page for video showing the steps)

- If you ordered online & are not sure if you included the personalization info, please email yearbookpennell@gmail.com to check
- 5th Grade Families - Please send in baby photos (4 missing!) & shoutouts (7 missing!) ASAP
- 6. Garden Committee Head
 - Do you like gardening? Do you want to help keep our outdoor classroom space growing & beautiful? Do you have a few friends who can help? WE NEED YOU!
 - 5th grade & kindergarten classes are using this space the most so might be a great opportunity for those parents to work together
- 7. Board Member Nominations
 - Please submit names by April 4, we will vote in May. All PTO members who have attended at least 3 meetings are eligible to vote - if you are attending virtually we will have a google form ballot.
 - If you have questions or want to learn more, please reach out to Teresa, Michelle, Amy or Jen
 - If you're interested in joining or leading a committee & want to learn more, reach out to us or to the current committee head. We're nice, we promise!
- 8. Homeroom Parent Touch Base
 - Seems to be going well?
 - After April 1 there may be potential opportunities for parents to come in & help, maybe even some field trips!
 - MAKE SURE YOUR CLEARANCES ARE UP TO DATE AND ON FILE. You can check with main office if you're not sure
 - There will possibly be a "Cookies & Clearances" event coming soon for volunteers who need help with the clearance process. Stay tuned!
 - Next PBIS Day is 3/16. Wear Pennell Gear!
- 9. Fifth Grade Information/Bingo Night
 - Freddy's fundraiser went well, thank you for your support! We may do it again in the Fall
 - Bingo Night is now April 1 at Sun Valley. Pajama Theme! Details to come
- 10. Questions
 - Hospitality Committee will meet soon to discuss Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Potential Movie Night May 6 - Jenn Fisher & Nicole Pharaoh offered to take this on
 - Looking into food trucks, equipment, possibly basket raffles.

SAVE THE DATES

3/10 & 3/11 Half Day (Teacher In-Service)

3/17 Pen's Den

3/21 Rock Your Socks

4/1 Bingo Night - Sun Valley

4/4 Gertrude Hawk Delivery Week

4/5 PTO Meeting

4/7 Pen's Den

4/11 - 4/18 Spring Break

4/18 Dress Rehearsal Variety Show (at Northley)

4/22 Variety Show (at Northley)

4/25 PSSA Testing begins

5/2 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6 Movie Night (TBD)

5/10 PTO Meeting

5/12 Pen's Den (Kindergarten invited)

5/16- 5/20 Book Fair

5/27 Half Day

5/30 No School

6/17 ½ Day - Last Day!

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

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