



Pennell PTO Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 20th, 2021



Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Everyone / Introductions Teresa Mai

Principal: Dr. Murray

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Carlin

Treasurer Report: Teresa Mai

- Ended June with \$8801.16
- Started September with \$6188.48
  - Expenses:
    - Purchased planners for 3-5 grades (\$551.67)
    - Pennell shirts for all students & staff (\$2,143)
    - Some gifts, sympathy cards
    - Stocked teachers' lounge (including supply vouchers)
  - Income
    - Amazon Smile (\$62)
    - Waddles (\$50)
    - BoxTops (\$292.90 last year)
    - PTO Dues (\$1,014)
    - Raffle (\$125)

Business:

1. Introduce Board Members
  - Michelle Tinsley, Vice President
  - Jen Snook, Treasurer
  - Amy Kusen, Secretary
2. Students/Staff Shirts/Stock the lounge for teachers/Vouchers/Planners
3. Box Tops / Amazon smiles
  - Download the BoxTops app to scan receipts
  - Set Pennell PTO as your charity in your Amazon profile to automatically earn a little bit when you shop
4. Spirit Wear Sale due 9/24
5. Book Fair
  - Book Fair will be in person 9/20 - 9/24 & online through 9/28
  - Class schedule & all links are on [PTO website](#)
  - Volunteers needed, sign up genius on the website
6. Homecoming - Dawn Hesse
  - Pennell students can walk in the Sun Valley homecoming parade 10/8. Students can attend the game for free, parents will need tickets
7. Waddling Update
  - [Info is online](#). Will continue through winter as a DIY (pick up yourself, then return)
8. Raffle
  - [Penguin Plunge](#) FB group starting back up to benefit 5th Grade Committee
  - If you're not on FB, still welcome to participate, buddy up with a friend who is in the group to keep you posted!
9. Discount Cards - Brittany Miles offered to chair this committee

- Last year's cards are still good until the end of March so they are available for half price (\$7.50)
  - [Order online](#)
  - New cards will be available in March for \$15
10. Little Caesars - **needs a chairperson**
- Flyers coming home early October
  - Sale ends 10/29
11. Fall Fest - Teresa
- Fall Fest will be Friday 10/22 (rain date 10/29)
  - Trunk Decorating Contest
  - Other activities TBD
  - Will need volunteers for set up & clean up
12. Pen's Den - Michelle
- Pen's Den will be back monthly during lunch during an assigned schedule by class
  - Items are small & inexpensive, please send change or small bills!
13. Yearbook - Steph Martin
- Please take pics throughout the year to send it for yearbook!
14. Committee overview and open positions
- Bingo will hopefully be held in February or March
  - Directory is in progress
  - Garden/Outdoor Classroom
    - **Needs a chairperson** (some teachers already involved)
    - Kindergarten/5th grade partnership
  - Gertrude Hawk in spring
    - Jen Fisher offered to chair
    - We earn 50% profit
  - Holiday Shop
    - Danielle Venuti offered to chair
    - Plan & Schedule TBD
    - Will need volunteers, sign up to come
  - Hospitality
    - Special treats & celebrations for teachers throughout the year
    - Separate from Teacher Appreciation Week, but connected
    - PTO collected a "Favorite Things" form from teachers, will share with homeroom parents
  - Movie Night
    - Possibly in May?
  - PSSA Snacks
    - Stacie Dawson offered to help Michelle
    - Past events were a moon bounce day, or kickball & water ice. Possible options this year TBD
  - Spirit Wear
    - Order online from MVP by 9/24
  - Variety Show
    - Spring
    - New theme! Info to follow
15. Fifth Grade Information
- Met tonight to discuss gifts & fundraising ideas
  - Working on monthly spirit nights (local restaurants)
  - Variety Show act will need help
  - Celebration in June
16. Questions

SAVE THE DATES  
 9/20-9/24 Book Fair  
 9/24 Spirit Wear Due  
 9/24 Half Day

10/6 Picture Day  
10/8 Homecoming  
10/12 PTO Meeting  
10/22 Fall Fest rain date 10/29  
10/22 Box Tops Due  
10/29 Little Caesar's Due  
TBD Pen's Den

11/1 & 11/2 No School  
11/9 PTO Meeting  
11/17 Picture Retakes  
11/22, 11/23, 11/24 Half Days  
11/25 & 11/26 No School

Join PTO & our school DIRECTORY

<https://bit.ly/PennellPTOmembership>



Become a VOLUNTEER

<https://bit.ly/Pennellvolunteers>



Shop for SPIRIT WEAR

<https://store.mvpsports.biz>



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

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