

Pennell PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 6:30pm

Call to Order - Teresa Mai

Attendance - 26 total

Principal/Teachers: Mr. Leight, Ms. Plakis

Board: Teresa Mai (President) & Michelle Tinsley (Vice President)

Principal's Report - Mr. Leight

- About 375 kids are now back in person 4 days a week (hooray!).
- We celebrated Pennell's 50th anniversary (1 year late) with a Zoom celebration & time capsule burial.
- PSSA's start next week for 3 - 5 graders
 - ELA on April 19, 20 & 22
 - Math on April 26 & 27
 - Science on April 29 & 30
 - Wednesday will still be a regular virtual day
 - Cyber students will take exams in person at school
 - Anyone who needs to opt out should contact Mr. Leight if you haven't already
 - PTO is providing snacks and prizes, thank you!
 - Some other districts chose to modify or delay the schedule, but PDSD felt that doing them at the usual time was the best approach to limit additional disruption to students in the fall
- We are looking forward to:
 - Reading Olympics for the 5th grade (5/5) - in school & connecting with another school on Zoom!
 - Book Fair Online 5/14 - 5/27
 - Field Day - will be smaller than usual (no volunteers needed) but will be in person
 - Reading Counts Celebration will be on Zoom
 - Annual Awards Assembly will be online
 - End of Year celebration for Kindergarten
 - End of Year celebration & Clap Out for 5th grade
- 5th Grade Transition Camp will be held this summer - flyers have come home with students

Teacher Representative - Ms. Plakis

- Thank you for all you do to support Pennell
- Ms. D'Angelo asked that parents check for library books at home, many are still missing
- Ms. Porrini sent in a snack list for teachers' lounge
- PSSA snacks - please be mindful of red dye, due to a growing number of allergies
 - Teresa & Michelle will double check, they know some options are safe

Treasurer Report - Teresa Mai (Jen couldn't be here)

- We have over \$17,000 as of the end of March
 - Expenses: teacher vouchers, raffle items, glow party, teachers' lounge snacks, copies
 - Income: Gertrude Hawk fundraiser, Discount Card fundraiser

Business:

1. Secretary Position Open for 21/22

- Please let Teresa know if you're interested in running (one nominee so far)
- 2. Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser
 - Thanks to Jen Druding, Cassidy & Marlayna Hammons for their help. It was a bit hectic but we figured it out
 - Made over \$4,000 (50% of sales)
- 3. Discount Card Fundraiser
 - Made over \$2,040 (136 cards)
 - Cards have been sent home - if you didn't get yours let us know
 - Cards are still available!
- 4. Dance Party Update
 - We hope everyone enjoyed the dance party, the kids seemed to have a blast.
- 5. Waddling Update
 - We are back to the original set up as of this Sunday & will continue until Memorial Day weekend.
 - Google Form will be posted for reservations
- 6. Raffle Group
 - Raffle group has shifted from 5th grade committee to full PTO fundraiser
 - Join us on FB: [The Penguin Plunge: Slide, waddle & roll in for some fun!](#)
- 7. Variety Show - Michelle Dormeris committee head
 - Forms were sent home, deadline to register is 4/16
 - Videos are due 4/30
 - There was a question about whether the special needs classes were doing an act, Mr. Leight said to check with your child's specific teacher
 - 2 minute limit per act
- 8. Book Fair
 - Will be online again May 14 - 27
 - Promo code for 10% off will be shared
 - PTO makes 25% of sales & orders above \$25 ship free (same as Fall)
- 9. Yearbook - Steph Martin
 - Free personalization is included with purchase until 4/23
 - If you send in the form, there's a place to fill in
 - Online, you need to add it to your cart
 - 5th grade please send your child's name to Steph for her to make sure it's included correctly. Her cell is 610-909-7790
- 10. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation
 - Looking for additional volunteers, please email Teresa or Michelle Tinsley
 - Help with events for teachers throughout the year (luncheons, holidays, etc)
- 11. Fifth Grade Information - Gina Leiby
 - Google Doc has been sent out for 5th grade gifts
 - Waiting final approval on End of Year celebration plans
 - 100% participation in yearbook baby photos (WOW!)
 - Teacher appreciation gifts will include all staff - forms & payment due 4/27

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30pm on Zoom

Any questions please email us @ pto4pennell@gmail.com and LIKE US on FB @ Pennell PTO for reminders and updates.