

Pennell PTO Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 6:30pm

Call to Order:

In attendance:

Principal/Teacher Representatives:

Mr. Leight, Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Samuelian, Mrs. Porrini

Board:

Teresa Mai, President

Michelle Tinsley, Vice President

Jennifer Herman, Secretary

Jennifer Snook, Treasurer

Mr. Leight Principal's Report:

- ❖ March & April Excitement:
 - March 11th: ½ Day-11:15 Dismissal for 1st-5th & AS, No Kindergarten
 - March 12th: ½ Day-11:15 Dismissal for 1st-5th & AS, No Kindergarten
 - Conference Schedule:
 - March 10th: K Conferences
 - March 11th: K-5 Afternoon/Evening Conferences
 - March 12th: K Conferences
 - March 11th & 12th: PASA Testing
 - March 15th: First Day of Trimester 3
 - March 18th & 19th: "Rock your Socks" for Down Syndrome Awareness
 - March 22nd: Proposed 4 Day/Week Return for Elementary Students
 - March 29th-April 5th: Spring Break
 - April 9th: Time Capsule
 - April 19th-May 6th: PSSA (Make-ups until May 28th)
- ❖ Thank you for all that you do.
- ❖ New dismissal procedures beginning for the anticipation of all students coming back on the 22nd. Parents will begin to park and walk up to get children at dismissal. Information will come about the new procedures.

Teacher Representative's Report:

- ❖ Mrs. Wiley-Thank you for everything that you do! It is appreciated more than you know.

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ Beginning balance: \$10,759.00
- ❖ Ending balance: \$13,282.00
- ❖ Most changes were from 5th Grade raffles and Bingo
- ❖ Income:
 - \$190.00 Waddling
 - \$77.00 Amazon Prime

Regular Business Items:

❖ Secretary Position:

- Position will become vacant at the end of this school year.
- The new Secretary will be for the 2021/2022 school year and last for a 2 year period.
- Please think about anyone who you think would be a good fit for this position and nominate them at our next meeting.
- The position takes care of board meeting notes and other miscellaneous items including supporting the board members.
- In order to nominate someone they need to have attended 3 meetings this year.
- Any questions please contact any current board members.

❖ BINGO Night:

- A huge success. The kids had a great time. It was adorable to see them interacting on the message board. There were about 26 winners for the night.

❖ Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser:

- Pick up will be March 23rd. One of our biggest fundraisers.

❖ Discount Card Fundraiser:

- Due March 19th. They will be distributed at the end of March beginning of April.

❖ Box Tops Update:

- We brought in \$77.00 at the last count. Please keep scanning your receipts. Every little bit helps.

❖ Waddling update:

- We still have some slots left for rentals.
- We will open up the waddling fundraiser again in April and run it for about a month.

❖ Dance Party:

- PTO will host a Virtual Glow Stick Dance Party on Friday, April 2nd.
- We will rent out a DJ for an hour (link will be sent to your and send home glow sticks to all the children regardless if they are attending or not.
- A sign up sheet will be sent home. Please fill out the form so we have an idea of whether we should set up a zoom link or webinar.

❖ Yearbook:

- Orders are due by April 23rd.
- Despite all that we endured this year. The yearbook is actually coming together rather nicely. Everyone will be very surprised at it.
- Please keep sending your pictures in. All pictures are due by March 19th.

❖ Variety Show:

- Still working out the logistics of everything.
- Looking to have children possibly come into school on Virtual Wednesday at a designated time to be filmed.
- Possibly making a video. Everything will be followed by the CDC guidelines.
- Maybe set up a viewing night?
- In need of a 5th grade parent to take charge of the 5th grade act.

❖ **5th Grade Information:**

- Thank you to everyone who supported us so far. We have raised over \$7000 with a few more fundraisers coming up.
- Fifth Grade Act; A lot of logistics to get one going. We are looking for someone to take the lead but it will take all parents to help make it happen.
- Please get your child(ren) baby pictures in. (Still a few missing)
- Hopefully we can still have the year end party.
- We are trying to figure out how to do a clap out that would be socially distanced for the children. Possibly a Zoom clap out?
- Thank you to everyone who donated vases for teachers week flowers. We are expecting it to be a bigger fundraiser than in years past.
- We will begin to collect T-shirt and Sweatshirt sizes for the children. We currently do not have a design for the shirts. We need to have order in by the end of March. Due to COVID, suppliers need more time for delivery.

❖ **Additional Information:**

- Next meeting Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 pm.

There are so many people in the PTO who volunteer their time that we could not possibly list them all. To all who help in any way, no matter how large or small, we hope you realize that your efforts are much appreciated.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Herman, PTO Secretary