

Pennell PTO Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:30pm

Call to Order:

In attendance:

Principal/Teacher Representatives:

Mr. Leight, Mrs. Lindsey

Board:

Teresa Mai, President

Michelle Tinsley, Vice President

Jennifer Herman, Secretary

Jennifer Snook, Treasurer

Mr. Leight Principal's Report:

- ❖ Important Dates-February and March Excitement:
 - February 10th: Spelling Bee
 - February 11th & 12th: Valentine's CelebrationsPDS D Conferences
 - February 15th: School Closed-Presidents Day
 - February 22nd-March 5th: Kids Heart Challenge
 - February 26th: Pennell Bingo Night
 - March 2nd: Read Across America
 - Week of March 8th: Spring Conferences
 - March 19: "Rock your Socks" for Down Syndrome Awareness
 - Variety Show Prep-TBD
- ❖ Thank you for getting stuff in for Valentine's Day to quarantine for 48 hours.
- ❖ Kids Heart Challenge will be a little different this year. Mr. L has been working hard to make it fun.
- ❖ Read Across America will have no volunteers. More info will follow as we get closer to the date. We are trying to make it fun for the kids. Maybe secret "Zoom" readers for the kids?
- ❖ We are excited to welcome back our kindergarteners to school on a 4 day a week schedule. We are able to fit upto 22 students, per the 6 feet apart guidelines, in these classrooms.
- ❖ Car rider dismissal update: Beginning Tuesday, February 16th, we will be eliminating the Kindergarten dismissal lane and changing the pick up line from one lane to two lanes going around the school. We know things will be tight but it is doable. We are doing this to increase the cars on campus and trying to avoid traffic on Weir & Richard Road as we begin to welcome back our Kindergarteners and some other children four days per week.
- ❖ Thank you for all you do. If you're struggling, you can do this. We're halfway there. Today we celebrated 100 days out of a 184 day school year calendar.

Teacher Representative's Report:

- ❖ Mrs. Lindsey- Thank you from all the teachers. We love the decor on the outside of the building. It brings us all so much joy. Thank you a second time for our holiday lunch. Everyone is still talking about it. Thank you for the white handle bags for Valentine's Day. Thank you for recess boxes. The kids really love them. Thank you for all of your support.
- ❖ Library request- Please check your shelves, closets and under beds for any books that might be lingering from last year. We are especially looking for children's books that might have moved on to Northley. Please pass this information around as we would love to have those books back for our children to enjoy reading.

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ Beginning balance-01.01.2021: \$10,927.00
- ❖ Ending balance-01.31.2021: \$10,759.00
- ❖ PTO Paid out:
 - \$132 Additional set of waddling signs
 - \$150.00 Teacher Vouchers
 - \$164.24 Valentine's bags and stickers
 - \$705 Chartwells- Staff conference breakfast and holiday lunch
 - \$59.35 Bingo Supplies
 - \$50.88 Bingo Flyers
 - Some small miscellaneous transactions
- ❖ Income/Credits:
 - \$191.40 Box Tops
- ❖ 5th Grade Funds/Transactions:
 - Brought in: \$2467 (Raffles and Italy to Go: \$210)
 - Paid out: \$1496 (Raffles and Garden Flags for the beginning of the year-Finally received bill \$171)

Regular Business Items:

- ❖ **Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser:**
 - Orders are due by February 19th.
 - Orders will be in by the week of March 22nd, more towards the end of the week.
 - We have received \$3000 in orders to date. We receive half of the profits from this fundraiser.
 - Orders in by February 19th will be shipped to school. You can still place orders by February 28th online. Any orders after February 19th will be shipped to your house. You will have to pay for shipping; it is on the high end.
- ❖ **Discount Card Fundraiser:**
 - We will offer discount cards again this year at the end of February. Orders will be due by March 19th or so. More information will be forthcoming.
- ❖ **Box Tops Update:**
 - If you have any hanging around please get them in. Don't forget to ask your family members. They are due March 1st.
 - We are not doing as well as we used to with this but every little bit helps.

- Please keep scanning your receipts.
- ❖ **Yearbook:**
 - Snow Day Pictures-We had a lot sent in.
 - Spiritwear Pictures-Please send in pictures. IDEA-Maybe you can make it as quirky as possible. Let's see how creative we can get. Think yellow and blue and have fun.
 - Homeroom Moms-Fun pages, we are asking for pictures of the children in their at home spaces. Do we want to think of a theme for these pictures? Still in the thinking stage of this.
 - Asked Mrs. Lindsey if it would be hard for teachers to take pictures of the kids during Kids Heart Challenge? Mrs. Lindsey said, she will send out a note to all the teachers. Mr. Leight was a little hesitant to ask the teachers. He said he might ask the recess aides to snap pictures of this event.
- ❖ **Variety Show:**
 - A lot more information to come, hopefully by next meeting
 - We are thinking out ideas.
 - Possibly making a video. Everything will be followed by the CDC guidelines.
 - Maybe set up a viewing night?
- ❖ **Fundraising Update:**
 - We want to thank Gina Leiby and Chirssi Villa for all your hard work and dedication on the 5th Grade Committee Fundraising Facebook page. It was such a great fundraising idea in these trying times. At this time, we will be switching the fundraiser page over to the PTO. All funds will now be credited to the PTO's account. The 5th Grade Committee Heads are confident they raised enough money for all they need. In the event that they need funds, the PTO will help cover the cost per the money they bring in via the fundraising page.
 - We have a few Spirit Nights in the works.
- ❖ **5th Grade Bingo Night:**
 - Flyers went out late last week.
 - There are two ways to register for this event. 1.) Fill out the flyer and return it to school or 2.) Fill out the Google form online. Please pick one way to register. DO NOT register both ways.
 - If you choose the Google form please only enter your information one time. We are receiving duplicates and it is getting confusing.
 - Registration is due by February 19th. Please send money in with your child or pay via Venmo.
 - We are putting together bags with Bingo cards (10 games) and crayons. All participants will be in one bag.
 - Plenty of gifts to go around
 - Wear your best Pajamas or Pennell spirit wear.
 - A Zoom link will be sent out.
- ❖ **5th Grade Information:**
 - Thank you to everyone who supported us so far. We have raised over \$5000 with a few more fundraisers coming up.
 - Please get your Bingo forms in.

- 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.
- 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.
- We decided not to do the Board and Brush fundraiser this year because of COVID. We did look at trying to do a take home version but the profit wasn't worth it. If you have any further questions please contact a committee head.

❖ **Additional Information:**

- None at this time.

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