

Pennell PTO Minutes

Tuesday, January 2021, 6:30pm

Call to Order:

In attendance:

Principal/Teacher Representatives:

Mr. Leight, Mrs. Wood

Board:

Teresa Mai, President

Michelle Tinsley, Vice President

Jennifer Herman, Secretary

Jennifer Snook, Treasurer

Mr. Leight Principal's Report:

- ❖ Welcome Back...”2021”
- ❖ Hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your families in a safe and fun atmosphere.
- ❖ Many, many “Thank You’s” especially for showering us with so many gifts this holiday season. You made us feel so special.
- ❖ Over the next few months I want to point my Compass to: Joy and Normalcy, Health and Safety and Learning. If everything we are planning brings the aforementioned, I am all for it.
- ❖ Important Dates:
 - January 15th-11:15 AM Dismissal (AM K Reports)
 - January 18th-School CLosed for MLK Jr. Day
 - January 35th & 26th-Picture Retakes (PDS D Cyber by Appointment)
 - February 3rd-Pennell Spelling Bee
 - February 12th-11:15 AM Dismissal (PM K Reports)
 - February 15th-School Closed for President’s Day
 - March 2nd-Read Across America Day
 - March 11th and 12th-11:15 Am Dismissal (Spring Conferences)
- ❖ Delco Dispatch reported a fire call from Pennell. There was a large fire in Aston that caused the water pressure in the building to go down. It set off our building alarms. Our custodian came in to watch for a few hours to make sure nothing happened. We were ok and everything was cleared.

Teacher Representative's Report:

- ❖ Mrs. Wood- Thank you for being so incredibly generous over the last few months. We have felt so much joy over the last few months. The Friends themed breakfast, lunch, teacher punch out boards, gifts, it is all appreciated. Thank you for all of your support!

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ Beginning balance-10.31.2020: \$5,183.00
- ❖ Ending balance 12.3.2020: \$10,927.00
 - \$4,712.00 belongs to the 5th Grade Committee
- ❖ Paid out: Faculty Vouchers: \$75.00, Fall Fest Reimbursement: \$98.00, Hospitality: \$180.00 (still need to pay for teachers breakfast, and holiday luncheon), Indoor Recess Kits: \$325.00, Holiday Gifts/Supplies: \$165.00,
- ❖ Income/Profit: Little Caesars: \$1,600, Membership Dues: \$207.00 (about \$1300 total), Field Trip Reimbursement (from last year): \$270.00, Waddling Fundraiser: \$385.00 (\$1022.00 total), Cannoli Fundraiser: \$864.00, Pen's Den: \$192.00, Sweatshirt Sale: \$862.00, Whole Foods Donation \$250.00

Regular Business Items:

- ❖ **Teacher Luncheon:**
 - Provided a catered lunch from the Cafeteria Company for the teachers and staff. It wasn't our usual lunch that we would provide for the holidays. Hopefully we will be able to make it up to them at the end of the year.
 - Created a fun "Punch Out" game for the teachers with gifts. Thank you to all the families that supported us and helped to get some really awesome gifts. It helped us pull off a really fun and exciting atmosphere for the teachers and staff during the holidays.
- ❖ **Spirit Wear Sale**
 - We opened up an additional sweatshirt fundraiser and it brought in great revenue. We are done for this year.
- ❖ **Pennell Waddling Fundraiser**
 - Slowed down a little bit. We got some requests for upcoming Birthdays. We decided to do them as rentals at the same price as we charged for the fundraiser. We can still add notes and signs to any order. You will need to pick the penguins up at Michelle Tinsley's house and drop them back off after 24 hours.
- ❖ **Little Caesars**
 - Delivered pizzas in November. It was very warm :) It was an awesome fundraiser bringing in \$1,600.00.
- ❖ **Scholastic Book Fair**
 - Thank you to everyone who shopped, bought books for teachers and shared with family and friends.
 - We did not bring in any money from this fundraiser since it was completed online. Instead we earned 427 scholastic dollars to go towards purchases for books for the teachers and school.
 - The teachers wish list seemed easy.
 - With the scholastic dollars we purchased one book for each teacher and extras for the Library and Mrs. Watts. They will be delivered by Friday, January 15, 2021.
 - Mrs. Wood will let us know if any teachers do not receive a new book.
 - We still have scholastic dollars left. We didn't want to spend all of it at once. We may purchase books as prizes for BINGO Night.

- Spring Fair is scheduled for the 2nd week of May. It is usually a BOGO sale. If we have to do an online sale there will be no BOGO sale.
- ❖ **Cannoli Fundraiser**
 - This fundraiser did better than we thought.
 - We sold over 100 kits
 - We did hear that some pickups were a little crazy but everyone got their orders.
 - Thank you to Jenn Druding for taking on the fundraiser.
- ❖ **Box Tops**
 - We brought in \$191.00 which is not normal. It probably has to do with less clippings.
 - Please keep scanning your receipts.
 - There will be one more chance to send in your clippings so please look around your house for any that may be laying around.
- ❖ **Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser**
 - We are still doing it.
 - We make a 50% profit from this fundraiser.
 - We are still in need for someone to become a chair for this fundraiser. It is a really easy one. Everything comes pre-sorted.
- ❖ **Yearbook**
 - Thank you for the snow pictures.
 - We are looking for ideas on how to fill some of the pages this year.
 - Fun page spread-in the past we would go into school to snap pictures of all the events happening. We can not do that this year so we are borrowing pictures from teachers. Unfortunately, there are many more pictures with masks on and it is becoming sad to see. Please send us safe ideas to help make the yearbook fun.
 - Due to the quiriness of this year, there are many events that are cancelled so we will not have the normal yearbook layout but we still need to fill in 82 pages as we signed a contract with Barksdale.
 - Waddling page? Please send in any pictures you have from waddling. We may dedicate a page to that fundraiser.
 - We are up for suggestions for our fun pages!!!! Please send them in!!!
 - Hybrid parents please take pictures of your child(ren) in their at home learning spots to help us get pictures without masks on.
 - Email all pictures to yearbookpennell@gmail.com
- ❖ **Directory Update**
 - We thought it would be an easy task with the new website populating the information but it didn't turn out that way. Thank you to everyone who helped pull it off. We hope you are all enjoying it.
- ❖ **Variety Show**
 - Is not completely of the table. We are trying to get creative. Please be on the lookout for more information to follow.
- ❖ **Fifth Grade Information:**
 - We have made close to \$5,000.00 since October from our raffles and fundraising page.
 - Thank you to everyone who participated and shared with your family and friends.
 - Board and Brush is tentatively scheduled for March 11th.

- We are looking into the possibility of individuals purchasing gift certificates or Take Away projects to add to this fundraiser.
 - Thank you for your support on the Italy to Go Fundraiser and the Alberto Family. We made \$210.00 from this fundraiser.
 - Thank you to the Alberetto Family for donating \$40.00 in gift certificates to our raffle the other night.
 - BINGO Night-Still not off the table. It will not be in person. We are looking to possibly do it virtually but nothing is set
 - Yearbook-We are looking for our 5th grade parents to send in a baby picture of their 5th graders. There will be a questionnaire for the 5th graders to fill out in school.
- ❖ **Indoor Recess Kits:**
- We have been extra lucky with the weather and having outdoor recess a lot this year. We are still using the kits that were put together on those days that we aren't so lucky.
 - We do not need any more items at this time.
- ❖ **Additional Information:**
- Ice Works is currently not offering open skate so there will be no Open Skate day on President's Day this year.
 - We have talked about a Virtual PJ Dance Night Party. If anyone is interested in taking this task on please contact someone on the Board.
 - Any other ideas to create safe memories for the children are welcomed. Contact someone on the Board.
 - Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

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