



**January 19, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**

- Call to Order
- Called to order 6:04 p.m.
- Welcome & Introductions
- Review Minutes
- Principal's Report
  - Stokes is continuing to #CRush goals, over 100 food boxes were distributed to families during the mobile food drive that was held at Stokes
  - The Book vending machine remains popular, coins are collected from machine once it's filled up to be reused & books are replenished as needed
  - A \$500 grant was received from DE Retired School Personnel, this will be used toward the "iRocked iReady" incentive
  - IRLA reading levels have almost doubled from the beginning of the year to now (beginning of the year-25.4% proficiency, middle of the year (current)-48% proficiency)
  - Governor Carney & education advocates held a press conference here at Stokes on 1/17/23 to discuss plans to support education, teachers, paraprofessionals, & staff. This was awesome & received recognition with WBOC, local channels, Philly stations, & social media.
  - Volunteers are needed for "Stokes Reading Squad" 1-2x/week, there will be an approval process required for all interested volunteers, the link went out last week via email
    - This is similar to McIlvaine's "Alphabet Army," focusing on reading & phonics
    - Set to begin in early February 2023

- PBIS raffle will take place tomorrow for scholars who choose to participate using PRIDE bucks
- End of the semester celebration will take place 1/31/23-2/6/23
- Teacher of the Year nominations-open until 2/3/23, forms went home & are also posted on social media pages/district page
- Thursday 1/26/23- marking period 2 ends. Report Cards go home Wednesday 2/8/23, conferences will be Friday 2/10/23 in the afternoon
- Treasurer's Report
  - Current balance=\$12,523.62, this includes a deposit of \$82.50 from Light Show Raffle & monthly \$2 service fee
  - Anticipated expenditures will be Mrs. Dick's reimbursement from the Light Show (form already submitted, pending payment)
  - Anticipated deposit in the amount of \$586 from the school store (this will be ongoing so we can expect additional funds from this source)
- Updates
  - Upcoming Dine Out Night (Tuesday 1/24/23 5pm-7pm Camden Chick fil a), drive thru only, please mention & show flyer (paper or digital) prior to ordering
    - We receive 10% of sales
    - Has been advertised on social media, global connect (call & email), & distributed district wide
    - LaToya Smith will inquire about having the mascot to come the day of the fundraiser during lunch to promote.
    - Teachers/staff will promote the day of during parent pick up, daily announcements, pass out flyers at the end of the day (possibly stickers), anything to advertise & to get the kids excited to attend
    - Mr. Williams will send a reminder call afterschool that day
  - Upcoming Friendship & Laughter Dance (2/10/23 6pm-8pm)
    - Proposed amount will be \$7/scholar (Stokes scholars only, 1 chaperone per 2 scholars)
    - Price includes: admission, 1 slice of pizza, 1 drink, & a glow item (necklace or bracelet)
    - Optional glow art activity with Mrs. Anthony will be a \$5 add on. She will pre order supplies for 75 students, limited spots available for this activity

- Sandi Begor will inquire with Mr. Kraus or Mrs. Pennydecker's husband to DJ & follow up with Kim Phillips. If neither are available, we plan to utilize a playlist to save money
    - LaToya Smith will inquire with 4 Seasons Pizza to see if we can get a deal for the pizzas (the parent of a scholar is the owner)
    - AshLeigh McKinney will seek drink donations from Sams or Walmart
    - Kim Phillips will order glow sticks variety pack in bulk
  - Academic Olympics-we will revisit & focus on this at the beginning of the next school year (September 2023) when we can have a bigger push/greater outcome
    - The platform we use may be 99% Pledges or Vertical Raise, we can continue to brainstorm ideas for goals (individual & schoolwide) and levels/incentives
  - Rock Your Socks-all proceeds will go to support World Down Syndrome Day
    - Kim Phillips placed an order for 400 socks, they will be sold for \$2 each in adult & childrens sizes. Unsold socks must be returned by 4/1/23 to avoid being charged. More information will be discussed at our February meeting
- Open Forum
  - Sandi Begor requested \$460 (\$6/scholar @ 75 students) in funds for a 5th grade Mobile Planetarium Trip, this would consist of 2 hours-1 hour inside the planetarium & 1 hour for research/learning
  - The PTO will provide \$320 towards the trip, to compensate for the \$140 difference, scholars will pay \$2 out of pocket for the trip
  - Mrs. Roop inquired about dispersing information regarding the Polar Bear Plunge; information will be shared via Remind App, social media, & global connect once flyers are provided
- Adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

**Next meeting will be February 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**

