

PTO General Meeting Minutes 11/4/2024

- Meeting minutes from October 7th approved
- October events recap
 - Sack mask parade - extras were used for bags for siblings who were attended
 - Asked for any feedback about sack mask parade - parade seemed to start earlier than posted time and there was a large gap in between some of the grade levels. Maybe in the future it might be better to have two separate groups?
 - Book fair - will be moved back to the STEM room because the PE cottage is too small and didn't have as good of flow with only one exit.
 - P/T conferences - chili dinner was a huge success with teachers. Meeting attendees report that sign up genius was successful for a way to delegate.
 - Can we change the summer reading program budget to use for the book swap? Some of the books that were left in the storage shed were ruined in a mouse infestation. We had to throw some away.
 - Originally it was to bring a book and take a book but we switched it because there were too many books for small children.
 - Can we solicit some donations for books and then buy some to supplement as well?
 - We approved the addition of a \$400 line item officially through motions.
 - Can we order through scholastic to get an additional percentage back for the school?
 - Anything in the PTO shed needs to be stored in a plastic box with a lid. Amber asked if she can donate totes to be used in the storage shed. Yes- thanks Amber!
 - We had to cancel the December Holiday shop. We couldn't find a company that fit within our guidelines and would work with our schedule.
 - We may be able to replace this with butterbraids. If we sell less than 150 units of butter braids we get 35% back.
 - If we sell more than 150 then we earn 40% back.
 - We can start as early as tomorrow if we do an online sale or start in about a month if we want paper order forms.
 - All the butter braids come at the same time so we need to coordinate pick up.
 - Alana M. has extra deep freezer space if needed.
 - Megan Nelson, Justine Wolfenden can help with this as well.
- The Jogathon (stallion stampede) date needs to be changed because it is the same day as the music showcase.
 - It is currently scheduled for April 24th
 - Proposed April 17th - 5th grade might be having CMAS this week
 - Also proposed May 2nd - this may be the better option? We will check this with the school calendar
 - We could potentially do a larger lap to accommodate more than one grade?

- There used to be a parent who ran with the students the whole day and it helped the students run with more enthusiasm
- The Jogathon donation platform that was used last year will be used again this year.
 - This needs to stay consistent because we still have the license for this
 - Anything else is open to change
- Previously the event involved counting laps with the help of parent volunteers
- There were t-shirts previously where laps were tallied
- If we can make this the spirit week also we could make the day of the jogathon a color war (each grade has a color to wear)
- November events
 - Qdoba night this wednesday
 - By the king soopers
 - You can use the code for online orders or order with code for ivy
 - Staff coffee is November 20th
- December
 - Thinking about doing a local dinner fundraiser - potentially a Tuesday at A&W
 - PTO meeting is December 9th at 6pm
- Fundraising
 - We are looking at doing a fundraiser at B-Rad's in March - possibly the 1st week of March - we can check with B-rads to find out (Stephanie)
- Volunteers needed
 - December book swap - December 19th
 - Get books out of the shed, set up books on the table - April W., Ashley E., Dani D., Megan N. can help
 - Talent show (February TBD) - Ashley E. Mary Bradner can also help. Alana M. will check with the high school tomorrow about a date
 - Ashley M. will get Ashley E. Raina's contact information so she can give input on the timelines of how things worked. Annemarie will emcee this event.
- Principal notes
 - If the bond gets approved we will be moving quickly with community meetings
 - Asked for feedback about the sack mask parade - see above
 - How is communication going with the newsletter and Thursday folders - solicited feedback
 - Everyone reports that the existing communication is working for us.
 - There will be a joint SAAC meeting this spring and everyone is welcome
 - Kudos to the Starbucks store! It is going great!
- The spirit store is moving forward
 - Designs just came back and a parent at the school has a business that can assist with printing so this should be moving along
- Committee handout was provided with meeting agenda

- If you see your name somewhere and you no longer want to be involved or want to join another committee please reach out to Ashley M. (her contact information is provided)
 - Ashley Mueller - PTO president
 - Cell - (360)903-1986
- Don't forget to link your kroger community rewards
 - We just got a check for \$442 and it is very easy!
 - Maybe we can put this amount into the newsletter so people know that it is worthwhile for us