

PTC MEETING MINUTES 9/18/24

September 18th / 7:00 PM / School Library

AGENDA

Attendees: Mr. Bickhart, Alyssa Krauser, Jessica Kopp, Nick Thomson, Dana Thomson, Jessica Wanner, and Omar

Upcoming Events

1. Oct. 3rd: NO SCHOOL
2. Oct. 9th: PTC Meeting, 7 pm in school library
3. Oct. 11th: Gold & Blue Day
4. Oct. 23rd: Picture Re-Take Day
5. Oct. 31st: Halloween Parade and Class Parties, 2pm

Principal's Report

1. Mr. Bickhart opened the meeting with a welcome
2. Back To School Night followed a more traditional format this year and attendance was approximately 50% (more info below)
3. Students will have their first lockdown drill on Friday. There will be no mention to students of "guns" or "bad people", etc. but a script that teachers will be following to explain the drill will be emailed to all families prior to the drill

Treasurer's Report

1. There is currently approximately \$8,000 in the PTC account, but we are about \$2,000 over budget for where we need to be at this point in the year
2. Fundraiser participation and beginning of the year Fund Drive participation has been lower than in year's past, resulting in fewer funds available
3. The Upper Merion mom's Club has set aside \$300 for each of the district school's PTCs (this information is secondhand, but we are hoping to confirm)

Back To School Night

- attendance this year was around 50%, which is less than last year's attendance
- a more traditional adults-only format was followed this year, as opposed to last year's student-led scavenger hunt where dinner was provided and children participated
- teacher's enjoyed the student-led format; parents reported that they enjoyed being able to meet and talk with all of the teachers (including special areas), but that it was chaotic at times because of the children's eagerness to show parents around room to room
- there are thoughts that provided dinner and children being included brought out more people last year
- BES is hoping to find a happy medium between the traditional format and a more student-involved format for next year

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- will run from September 23rd - October 11th, with delivery on October 17th
- donuts will be \$15 per dozen
- all orders can be picked up on Oct. 17th from 4:30-6pm in front of the school

Bear Wear

- we are using a new company this year, run by a BES alum
- online ordering is open until October 13th and you have the option to have your orders delivered directly to your home for a fee, or to have them delivered to the school and sent home with your child for free
- feedback: when ordering, there is no way to list important info to help determine which child gets which order (student last name, teacher's name, room, number, etc)

Miscellaneous Notes

1. PTC to provide glow sticks for each child for Halloween
2. We're looking to have our first family dinner night at Nonna Rosa on October 31st
3. The district is looking into more options for field trips

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next PTC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 7pm in the school library