

January PTO Meeting Minutes  
6 p.m. January 13, 2026

- I. Treasurer's Report - Hannah We are doing great so far. Our next big fundraiser will be the Pepcat Prowl.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Teacher Appreciation Lindsay thought December lunch went well - it was Louis for lunch and Wrenhouse for dessert. Melissa and Holly helped set this up. There was a giveaway for dinner for 2 at Chuys and Pam Brantley won it.
- III. New Business
  - A. Upcoming Teacher Appreciation Jan. 23rd - Lindsay and Melissa have planned hot cocoa and "winter wellness bags" for all staff. There will be a giveaway for 2 tickets to the UT Basketball game on Valentines Day. Future plan - trail mix bar - February 27th.
  - B. School Report Card Grade - Dr. Cottrell Mrs. Whaley presented our school's state letter grade. We received a B. We went from 3.5-4.1 (low B to high B) so continued improvement and much to be proud of. Fall semester there was a large focus on Math. Spring semester will bring in ELA focus in addition to Math. Mrs. Merryman and Ms. Winkle shared that they have had very productive PLCs and they feel very good about the way the school is working to improve.
  - C. Siddiqi Grant Funds Update The seesaw was installed over break. The K-2 kids seem to be very excited about it! We are still waiting for KCS to install basketball goals. The shade quote came back. It was a lot higher than expected once freight and install were added. Total price for 16' x 16' shade structure is \$24,253.93. If we used the 11,426.89 remaining from the Siddiqi grant, we still need \$12,827.04 for the structure. We would need to receive an additional grant to even consider this, so that will be the next step to determine if it is even possible.
  - D. Sweet P's Bingo Night Fundraiser - Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30pm We need at least 4 volunteers to help run the event. Cassie, Melissa and Jackie will all be there and available to help. Cassie is working on getting prizes together for bingo winners. Sweet P's will also contribute to the prizes. We will get the full amount raised from bingo card sales. Spread the word to make this a big success!

- E. Valentines Dance - Thursday, February 12th, 5:30-7:00pm Shannon shared that things are looking great for the dance. She just needs to purchase snacks from Sam's when it gets closer. Mrs. Whaley will be the admin for the dance. Kim has set up a balloon arch and selfie station with her friend for the dance. We will be paying her \$200 for this service this year as she has graciously donated to us several times in the past.
  - F. ABES Basketball Game ABES wanted to take this back on at Halls HS this year, but the gym is not available for the dates we discussed so they asked if we could check with Central again for availability. There has been a lot of back and forth with dates and gym availability. Once we have a date we will get further into planning. Mrs. Whaley will check with Kim and/or Central to see about availability there.
  - G. Pepcat Prowl There is now a group on GroupMe for planning. Hannah will update the flyer from last year. Candice requested no oranges this year. Apples, Bananas and other snacks will be great. Lindsay was going to see if Aldi and Sam's would be willing to donate toward the snacks again this year. Last year we did three different class prizes and we never got to the third one, so we will probably just do two this year. The ice cream reward was fun and easy. Candice would like help determining prize options for this year. Prizes will be given to the top fundraiser from each grade.
    - 1. Fundraising: 2/27 - 3/24
    - 2. Event: Friday, March 27th during Related Arts classes
  - H. Book Fair - March 18-27 We will need volunteers to make this event a success. Cassie will share the sign up when it is ready.
  - I. Art Show - March 26th Mrs. West is looking into the cost of running the Art Show without the company that she used last year. The group last year had a very nice set up, but Mrs. West received very little from the art purchases. Jackie is going to reach out to some contact in the downtown Knoxville art world to see about possibly borrowing displays for the event to save money. More to come on this next meeting.
  - J. Skatetown Night - April 2nd, 5:30-7:30pm this is the day before Good Friday so hopefully that will help attendance. Admission will be \$7/person (includes skate rental).
- II. Principal Remarks: There was nothing to add and no needs/request mentioned, but Mrs. Merryman, Ms. Winkle and Mrs. Whaley all shared their thanks for PTO.

\*\* Next PTO meeting Tuesday, February 10th at FCE in the Library at 6pm.