

February PTO Agenda
6 p.m. February 10, 2026

- I. Treasurer's Report - Hannah Hannah feels really good about where we are at. We have brought in more than we expected in just about every category and have spent less than expected. We still have not received sponsorship payments from Walton George or Southern Grit.

- II. Old Business
 - A. Teacher Appreciation Lindsay and Melissa provided hot cocoa kits and wellness bags for the staff in January. Mrs. Norman shared that everyone loved it.
 - B. Sweet P's Bingo Night This was a lot of fun and a big success - \$1088.39 was raised. This is significantly more than we received from the dine-out events in the past since we kept full bingo sales. Many asked if we could do this in the Fall and the Spring. Cassie will ask about this, but since they only do it once a month it may be tricky to get more than one spot. We could consider hosting it at FCE if we wanted to do an additional one and Sweet P's was not able.

- III. New Business
 - A. Valentines Dance - Thursday, February 12th, 5:30-7:00pm Shannon feels ready for this. We will have snacks and waters and when they run out, they are out. It would be great if all adults can help supervise. Set up will begin at 4:45/5pm for anyone interested in helping. We still need to get a check to Knox360 for the balloons and photo station. Hannah needs an invoice to set up the payment. Kim requested an assistant DJ to screen song requests made that night. Dr. Cottrell though Mrs. Whaley would be great to help with this and that it might be helpful to have a prepared list of ideas that would be approved. Jackie is also willing to help if needed.

 - B. Upcoming Teacher Appreciation Lindsay shared that Alter'd State donated 60 pieces of jewelry that will be distributed to staff along with Panera Bagels and fruit this month. There will be a giveaway/raffle with 4-\$25 gift cards to Bliss. This will be on February 27th. There was concern about the jewelry for the male staff, but the staff in attendance felt they would all have someone they could give it to.

- C. Ham'N Goodys/Other Spring Fundraiser We decided not to do this this year. We have done really well on fundraisers so far and hope to meet or exceed our goal with the remaining fundraisers planned.
- D. Pepcat Prowl Candice and Kristi feel we are in good shape for this. We are trying to get food donations from different grocery stores. Aldi, Sam's, Food City and Kroger were all suggested. Kristi is working on the prize list. Kim will join the morning announcements on 2/25, 3/18 & 3/23 to pep kids up and provide updates. Hannah will send the full Pepcat Prowl flyer to Kristen. We need a separate flyer for social media with basic dates and information. Kristen offered to make the social media flyer. Candice will create a sign up sheet for volunteers. Presenting Sponsor for the event is Kiwi Construction. There was discussion about a giveaway to all students for participating. Candice didn't want to do bracelets since they were just done for the Kids Heart Challenge. Some other options were discussed (sunglasses/necklace/medal/etc.) and will be looked into further.
1. Fundraising: 2/27 - 3/24
 2. Event: Friday, March 27th during Related Arts classes
- E. Book Fair - March 18-27 We will definitely need volunteers for this and will share the sign up when it gets closer.
1. Family Shopping Open 3/26 from 3:15-6pm
- F. Art Show - March 26th from 5-6pm Mrs. West is not going to do frames this year, so she does not need PTO support in that aspect, but she may need help to direct traffic as the art show will be spaced out around the school and not just in the gym as in past years. Kindergarten will be the only group set up in the gym.
- G. Dr. Cottrell shared that they are going to do a Spring Event for the school on the same night. This will be a free event using the funding that the school received this year. The theme for the event was not yet decided.
- H. Skatetown Night - April 2nd, 5:30-7:30pm Admission is \$7/person and includes skate rental. Family, friends, neighbors, etc. are all welcome to attend. We talked about having a NEON theme.
- I. ABES Basketball Game - Friday, April 10th at Halls HS After much back and forth, we will be hosting at Halls HS this year. ABES didn't want to have to host two years in a row. They wanted to have it back at Halls since it has been at Central the last two years, but they didn't want to have the bulk of the load again. We suggested splitting the load 50/50 each year, but ABES doesn't have a lot of parent involvement so they would rather host every other year than split the load each year. It was suggested that we consider doing this event with another feeder school (like

Shannondale) in the future since they have a similar level of parent-involvement and more kids and families would know each other. The teachers at the meeting asked if we could clarify the rules for the players because each year we have tried to strictly have teachers play, but ABES includes parents and they would like for it to be fair/consistent on both sides. We have not yet found an interested parent to get an FCE cheer group together for the event. If anyone is interested, reach out to Melissa Cox. Melissa and Erin Norman were both willing to help facilitate practices, but unable to coach the girls. Hallie is going to get the concessions organized again and will have a sign up sheet when it gets closer. Kristen would like to set up a Merch table this year since we have new merch.

- J. Spring Grounds Day - date TBD Hallie is working on a date for this. Those in attendance thought that April 18-19 weekend could be a good option.

- II. Principal Remarks: Dr. Cottrell shared that a book vending machine was purchased with the funds the school received earlier this year. It was asked who would fund the replacement books if we do not receive this grant again next year. That will be something to think about if we do not receive the funding again. Spring Break is approaching (March 9-13). Dr. Blaine will be attending the ABES game. New curtains in the gym are definitely needed and would be a great idea for a future PTO fundraiser. Dr. Cottrell was going to reach out to a friend that recently installed new curtains at a different school to get the quote process started. Mrs. Cook had shared this request earlier this school year as well. Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Stair did not have anything to add, but they were thankful for all that PTO does.

** Next PTO meeting Tuesday, March 17th at FCE in the Library at 6pm.