Meeting Minutes

Martell Elementary PTO

Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 PM

In Person - Media Center

I. Call to Order / Welcome

- BY Amy Benevides at 6:31pm
- Kicked off meeting with OneTroy update (attached)

II. Approval of February 2026 Meeting Minutes

- 1st approval: Krista Russo
- 2nd approval: Claire Marks

II. Principal's Report – Collette Ivey, Principal

- Character Education work is in full swing. This year we were asked to apply as a National School of Character. It does take a lot of time, but confident we will get there. First Martell meet up for MINDSET. Every day the Martell pledge will be said every day in the morning to go along with the MINDSET.
- Sent home family project for everyone to do so the children can talk about what they value as a family. Another one to come around Thanksgiving.
- Shout out to PTO for the amazing Fun Run. We met our goal! Thank you for spoiling the staff during conference week.

III. Teacher's Report – Nicole Wilson, Teacher Representative

- Fourth Grade:
    i. Taking a deep dive into non-fiction reading and text structures, writing personal essays, and starting a new science unit next week on Earth Sciences.

- Third Grade:
    i. 3rd grade has a firefighter visit on 10/26. Miss Baxendale's brother is bringing a fellow firefighter for a presentation. Mr. Binford's salmon eggs arrive in a few weeks!

- 2nd Grade:
    i. Fire safety with Mr. Garwood is happening tomorrow. They are beginning a new science unit on weather and erosion.

- Kindergarten:
    i. Students are working on adding labels to their writing, and they are reading more and more words on a page during reading. Kindergarten was the tier 1 winners for

the Fun Run. Students chose PJ day to celebrate! Both of our classes just filled our classroom star jars! When we receive compliments from teachers or other adult s, we earn stars. Once the jar is full, the class celebrates with a reward they choose together. They chose PJ day again!

V. Officer Reports

- **President's Report – Amy Benavides**
  - In Martell Vestibule there is a PTO bulletin board which will consist of our calendar and a spot to scan which will bring you to a website that you can see everything we have sent out, school related events, etc. Access to the PTO google drive. PTO Committee Volunteer sign up, PTO reimbursement form. Room parent resource link there for room parents. Share your memories tab is the link to the yearbook for pictures to be posted. All newsletters will be posted here and all upcoming events. This website is the info center for everything PTO.
- **Vice President's Report – Krista Russo**
  - Thanks to the room parents for all of their volunteering.
  - Most room parents are collecting up front for the year
  - Halloween parties and Halloween parade parents are welcome to join.
- **Treasurer's Report – Sam Becker absent**
  - 26/27 Reimbursement Form Link: https://tinyurl.com/MartellReimbursement
  - $35,539.90 current bank balance which includes all Fun Run balances.
  - Balance will be discussed at the next meeting, but budget will be available before the meeting to everyone can review beforehand and email over any questions.
  - All reimbursements for class parties are requested within 30 days after the event.

VI. Committee Reports

- **Staff Sunshine Crew:**
  - October will be a cart going around to all of the staff offering cider and donuts towards the end of the month.
  - Need volunteers for January, March, April and May.
- **Fun Run:**
- **Dining Out Night:**
  - Featuring Kindergarteners this month
  - Chipotle on 10/27 on Crooks Road
- **Trunk or Treat (10/21):**
  - Chairs Mary Parks and Erin Johnson
  - We will have an art station
  - Food trucks – will have 2 available
  - New Halloween Carnival theme this year with new carnival games
- **Yearbook:** https://tinyurl.com/MartellPictavo or https://tinyurl.com/MartellPictavo to upload photos!
  - Chairs – Shelby and Amber
  - We are encouraging all room parents to take photos and add them to the drive at all parties.
  - Pictures are organized in categories by events.

VII. Unfinished (Old) Business

- Nothing Old

VIII. New Business

- None Currently

IX. Adjournment at 7:57pm

- 1st Krista Russo
- 2nd Don Sherman

Important Dates

- **October 21st -** Trunk or Treat Event
- **October 27th-** Chipotle Dining Out Night
- **October 29th-** Costume Parade & Halloween Class Parties
- **November 11th-** PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm

Attendance:

Amy Benevides

Krista Russo

Erin Johnson

Nicole Wilson

Jessica Harrington

Judith Miller

Amber Dahl

Don & Sarah Sherman

Alyssa & Joel Caloncagon

Shelby Swinburnson

Victoria Chale

Brittney McMillan

Clare Max

Nicole Witteveen

Schugler Von Oager

Jihye Kim

Karla Craig

Colette Ivey