



TCS PTO

March 2024 Minutes

Date: 3/20/24

In Attendance: Amanda Goodwin, Angie Preisendorfer, Bri Feather, Kassandra Campbell, Anita Ross, Richard Young, Katie Gallagher.

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm

Minutes: 1/17 and 2/21 minutes approved.

Balance- Submitted two reimbursements. There was a payment of \$31.29 was an error and an additional .70 difference will be sent by Amanda to the treasurer.

Open items:

- Send \$.70 to Treasurer to satisfy reimbursements

Tax Form-

Open item: Submit tax form NLT (no later than) April 14th (Amanda)

PTO Elections: Please submit nominations for all four positions (Pres, VP, Treasurer and Secretary) NLT April meeting (4/17/24) so that the positions can be voted on by the May meeting (5/15/24) for the 2024/2025 school year. Most positions switch out each year to prevent burnout of current staff. You can self elect or be nominated (you have to agree to be nominated). PTO Pres will send out reminder of by-laws and a breakdown of what is expected and what each position does. Intent to advertise Board members don't pay dues, written ballots are a possibility for future voting among other topics discussed.

Open items/potential tasks to do before May:

- Distribute flyer to parents on roles and responsibilities and gauge interest.
- Potential social media post to advertise PTO positions and benefits to the school of what we provide (Teachers needs, funding for school projects, paying for Dances, Parties, Annual Holiday gifts for kids, Community support, Scholarships, 8th grade pins, Field Day treats, Pizza parties for kids, and more...
- Research methods to get Thornton community mailing list to distribute communication

Fundraiser Committee Updates: Amanda created order forms for Mother's Day flower baskets. Board approved the form and details of fundraiser. Delivery will not be an option this year. Pick up will be Sat, 5/4/24, 3-5pm in the TCS gym. Order forms go out 3/22 and due 4/19. This allows 3 weeks for flower ordering.

Open items:

- Make copies of the flyer
- Email Lynn for approval to send flyers home with kids (distribute to the kids)

Debrief of previous activities: Calendar raffle - Kassandra has the business list with who was used and who was not. Some businesses needed more time to coordinate with so recommending reach out for next year's raffle as one of the first items for the next board (2024/25).

Lessons Learned:

- Create Google Drive to save documents created by board members for continuity
- Need to approve next years letter to businesses



- Collection of gifts and distribution was low effort relatively, with 5 tickets @ \$40 being the most common bought
- Potentially looking at security and access of videos or content posted on TCS PTO FB site as we might need to block some profiles that don't appear to belong on the page. At the moment, creating a Closed Group for FB was not an option that seemed viable at the moment.

Daycare provided during budget meeting - JHS kids did a great job and it was much appreciated from parents at the event. Potential to get certification for kids for CPR/First depending on age and capability of the student in JHS.

Lessons Learned:

- Ask school if there is a want for JHS to host daycare more often during community events to foster more community involvement to include during PTO meetings to allow for more parent involvement.
- Potential for JHS student to get volunteer hours
- Parents or members of the community are certified to teach these safety classes so that the PTO can advertise the benefit to parents with JHS students certified to safely 'babysit'.
- Vivica mentioned last meeting that the library could host a babysitting class at the library
- Potential to get something set up over the summer to have the kids already certified by the school year. I believe it is a yearly requirement to stay certified.
- Cost for babysitting course at Waterville is \$70 per student held from 10am-4pm to certify in First Aid and choking safety for kids in grades 6-8. With the higher amount of money raised by the PTO, this is potentially something the TCS PTO can pay for.
- 4 hrs is required for volunteering by each JHS member and we could provide a lot of opportunity for them to get this.
- Request parents bring food or drinks for their kids

Open item:

- Write up draft PTO helper flyer to handout to perspective volunteers consolidating all this information (Kassandra volunteered to gather information)

Activity and Event planning: Movie Night will be scheduled for May 3rd (Friday) @ 5:30pm Sign-up Genius needs to be discussed more. Library and School bought the Eclipse glasses. Purchase for a garbage can for outside the school can be purchased by the PTO but needs to be approved by the school.

Crayon initiative: Approved by the school. PTO board voted and approved to purchase 4 x 7 gal bins (\$17.23 each) for distribution to the front office and art classroom to collect the required items. Kassandra will find and get to Amanda the available printouts from the Crayon initiative website to give to the teachers and place on the buckets for what is acceptable.

PTO Purchase of Teacher Wish list: PTO Board voted and approved maximum of \$400 to purchase the remaining items on the Teacher Wish list.

Open item:

- Ask John what playground equipment is needed at the school
- PTO Board members and parents think of things the PTO can purchase for the school and kids that they need (toys, class items, teacher needs)



3 more meetings left in the year. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm
Next meeting: April 17th, 5:30pm