



# PTO MINUTES

## Trailblazer Elementary

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January 18, 2022 4:30pm | Meeting called to order by *Kim Gayeski, PTO President*

### 1. In Attendance

- Katie Sodaro-Jensen, Principal
- Christine Pommé, Assistant Principal
- PTO Board members & Kathy Goldberg

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- Not updated – not discussed

### 3. Principal's Update

- Breakfast with Santa and Cookies and Canvas had great feedback
- Projection for enrollment for 2022-2023 school year – 282 students (right now 291 students currently, including 4x e-learners)
- Wonders was the curriculum chosen for TBE
  - Professional Development for Wonders is in the works
- Cindy, TBE library specialist, has been working with district librarians to update the TBE library. TBE library is considered “At risk” and they estimate it will take approx. 5 years and \$26,000.00 to bring the library up to date.
- The snacks in the lounge are appreciated and the staff brought up that they would like to have it back if possible.
  - Kathy offered to get the Signup genius going with snack donations
- The Spirit Rock needs to be covered for next year
  - Kathy discussed the process on how payments work and the protocol
- Staff recognition ideas – A gift cards donations to teachers who are nominated for their work
- Rochelle has taken Chris Murphy's position and has done great so far
- New Tech teacher starts on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>
- TBE hired an assistant for the Special Ed program

### 4. Restaurant Nights

- Panda Express – Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> – TBE gets 50% back
- Kathleen needs ideas for March, April, May
  - Kathy mentioned Papa Murphy's (Torchy's is a no-go)
- Chic-fil-a is set for February

### 5. Thunder ridge / TBE Scholarship

- Kim has called multiple time to get more information, but has not heard back from anyone
  - Looking for assistance with any connections or assistance with this

## **6. Breakfast with Santa – Event Review**

- The donated bagels from Einstein’s had great feedback, along with Blazer visiting the kids, the high school students volunteering. The two split time slots were also great and had good feedback. The craft was a hit, and the Festival of Trees was fun and did well. The coffee truck was great, but we didn’t sell enough to cover the costs.
  - Reach out to vendors for the next year to get it organized ahead of time
  - We may need to have three people chair the event for 2022-2023
  - We may need to really advertise the Festival of Trees for next year

## **7. Canvas and Cookies**

- Was really successful and sold out
- TBE PTO made approx. \$200.00

## **8. Daddy Daughter Luau**

- Discussed possibility of dropping ticket prices to \$25.00/\$20.00 per couple, which includes everything
- Budget for event - \$3,500.00

## **9. Mother Son Nerf War**

- We need a chair for this event
- There will be 2x one-hour shifts (possibly 3x shifts)

## **10. General Discussion**

- Parent Teacher conference in March – PTO to provide meals
- Teacher appreciation week – We need to prepare and start thinking about what to do
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade fundraiser
  - Need to get a 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent to spearhead
  - Advertising to be on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade newsletter
- Need to circle back to PTO positions and finding help
- Pizza Kits – Good feedback and the online method sounds best
- Gift cards for teachers need to be followed up. Some teachers have not opened up their gift cards.

## **11. Grant Requests**

- Katie SJ – Quick flip (K-6): **\$84.00**
- Beth Bates – Training Session: Help reducing anxiety: **\$240.00**
- Andrea Marley – Guitar toners (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade): **\$204.00** for 12 tuners
- Book series – (6<sup>th</sup> grade) 6 copies - **\$65.00**
- 2x Class Size Licenses for Vocublary.com - **\$149.00**
- Andrea Marley - Basic beat rhythm sticks (K-6<sup>th</sup>) - **\$154.00** (30 pairs)
- Andrea Marley - Choir Music/sheet music - **\$62.00**
- Emily Ridgley – Teach to Play Series, assistance for students on the Autism spectrum **\$125.00**

**ALL GRANT REQUESTS – APPROVED**