

# PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

## Executive Board

**\*President** Jenna Stein   **\*VP of Membership** Melissa Ulsaker & Vanessa Carollo

**\*Secretary** Cindy Campell & Christina Lynch   **\*Treasurer** Meaghan Mungeker & Cristina Tayal

**\*Past President** Erica Feldman

**Meeting began 2:16pm**

### ● **Welcome/Thank you's /Updates**

○ **Mom's and Dad's Night Out- THANK YOU to Amal Agha, Maribel Paini and Fahd Agha**

**-We raised a few hundred dollars at each Mom's and Dad's night out. Approximately 60 Moms and 40 Dads attended.**

○ **Trunk or Treat - THANK YOU to Meenal Patel & Cindy Campbell**

**-Awesome turnout. Over 125 families attended.**

○ **Apple Bar Set Up- HUGE SUCCESS- THANK YOU to Cindy Campbell, Christina Lynch and Jenna Stein and the beautiful work of Andrea Fernandes and to Anderson Farms for their Apple donations! Teachers loved it and are excited to see what we do next month. We are working on November's theme for the teacher- Date and Theme TBD**

○ **We collected over 75 costumes for Jersey Care's Annual Costume Drive- we will work with our Social Action Committee for Jersey Care's Annual Coat Drive**

○ **Playground Update- we hope to have purchase orders out to the respective companies in the next 5-7 days. Application is in the hands of the BOE- Mike. He is going over proposals that we sent in for construction because it is expensive. We are hoping for early spring.**

■ **Will take up to 12 weeks to obtain new playground equipment**

### ● **Budget 2023/24 – Melissa Castle**

○ **23/24 budgeted income: Membership, Trunk or Treat**

**-We did get a few new members at Trunk or Treat. Did not dive into the Budget at all in fact Trunk or Treat made a few hundred dollars with Raffles,**

and other items for purchase. We can use that money for November's teacher appreciation wellness station.

- 23/24 budgeted expenses: Trunk or Treat, Apple Bar Set Up

- **After School Programs - Meaghan & Cristina**

- BWW Fundraiser -Waiting to hear back if we made money.

- Pie Fundraiser- Orders coming in until November 7<sup>th</sup>. Pick up is scheduled for Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> after school.

- Mini Fall Photoshoot Fundraiser-Great response! We needed to add another day. Saturday November, 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Only 10 spots left between the 2 days. Minted.com is set up if anyone wanted to order holiday cards from the photoshoot a portion goes back to the PTO.

- Book Fair- November 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Setting up on Friday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sent out SUG.

- **Homeroom Parents/Membership: Melissa & Vanessa**

- 1st HR Party was a success! Thanks to all the HR parents for helping out!

- Next up: Holiday Party in December. Working on a date. Usually right before break.

- Holiday/EOY Gift collection - Cheddar up/gift card. We give gift cards to staff for Holiday and End of the year. We will be sending out a letter soon with instructions. The money that is collected will be split in half and will be given during the holidays and at the end of the year.

- **Events 2022-23**

- Candy Collection: Nov 1-8 - Jane Auriemma. Reusing candy collection boxes to collect extra candy.

- Book Fair - Meaghan Mungeker, Keriann Linton and Christina Lynch

- Nov 6-8th

- Sign Up Genius went out. Pretty full with volunteers with approximately 3 helpers for each time slot.

- Holiday Shop- Kristina Dealaman

- December 4-6

- Sign Up Genius to come. If you are not on the committee and would like to help, Please email Jenna to be put on the committee so you receive emails.

- International Day- Nicolle Gameiro, Fern Bell & Rahul Parikh (Meaghan Mungeker to advise)

- Feb 9th

- Portugal, China and Jamaica

- Adult Social: April 12th, TBD - Vanessa Carollo, Jenna Stein & Cindy Campbell

Started looking for donations and currently looking for venue now. If anyone has connections that would be willing to donate to our Adult Social that would be appreciated. (Silent auction/ tricky tray baskets.)

- Health and Fitness Day; April 19th- Melisa Majlesi, Cindy Campbell and Rahul Parikh

Has not happened since before Covid so we are looking forward to reinventing the day and having fun with it.

- Somerset Patriots- May 31st- Mt. Horeb to handle - Jill Zambell will Chair for Central

- District Mom's Night Out TBD- Central and Woodland to plan. Jenna is working with Dana (Woodland PTO President) to find a venue and date and will relay info when we have it.

- Principals Update- Extended Day Program

Thank you for all the work that went into Halloween. We are closed next year for Diwali and the date got added to the district calendar. Halloween is a Thursday so we need to keep in mind the date for Trunk or Treat. International day has a lot of new chairs this year and we have already started working on things for that day.

The Extended Day Program—Mrs. Larson is lead for Central school. Presentation is on the Central website. Information about program and the slideshow is Central school website on the district page. Program is funded by Title 1A Funds so Central and Woodland schools are recipients and essentially used going above and beyond what we offer during the school day. Focus is on Math and Language Arts support from 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Who is eligible? We use feedback from staff members working with the students and we look at the targeted areas of Math and Language Arts. Use the iReady math and reading assessment and then daily classroom performance that the teacher feels child could use additional support. All certificated staff is approved to teach this

program Mrs. Larson helps to identify students and then coordinates the teachers assignments and schedules of who will work with which students. Mrs. Larson as coordinator will communicate with the teachers and then the teachers will communicate with the parents. Additional paperwork is sent home with the student so parents can have the information and consent. Parents do not pay for service since it is funded federally. Program runs for 12 weeks and then it is reassessed. Parent responsibility, we schedule (2) 30 minute sessions per week. They ask for availability and communication between the parent and instructor. Progress reports are provided. At this time, all students and parents have been identified for this program.

Additional- Currently the PTO is about 50% membership and we would like to increase that to 65%. We have a great group of volunteers and we would like to add to that. PTO is open to anyone has suggestions or ideas on things we can do for the school and for the kids. All members get access to directory spot. We will have to continue to charge for entry to events that the PTO organized to families who have not joined the PTO.

#### **PTO Meetings**

**Wednesday, Jan 24 @ 2:15 PM (Zoom)**

**Wednesday, March 27 @ 2:15 PM (APR)**

**Wednesday, May 15 @ 2:15 PM (Zoom)**

**Ended 2:48pm**

