

PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 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

Welcome/Thank you's/ Updates

- **Dunkin' Donuts for the 1st Day of School**- was a huge hit. Teachers loved it and were so appreciative.
- **1st Day of School Supplies Kit** (\$348 raised)- Cristina Tayal
- **Social Media Manager**- Andrea Fernandes
- **Back to School Luncheon** for Teachers and Staff- Sara Byrne
- **Spirit Wear**- Melissa Ulsaker. Shop is currently closed but can be reopened if necessary. Usually in the beginning of the school year and will probably be reopened in the winter before the holidays.
- **New Parent Breakfast**- Lauren Severini (9/14 and 9:30am in the APR)
- **School Beautification**- Elizabeth Geertsema and Jenna Stein- Courtyard Cleanup
- **General Assemblies**- Christina Lynch & Cindy Campbell- Working with Mrs. Tugya, being paid for by the district.
 - BJ Ward for 4th and 5th graders for Poetry month in April.
 - Laser show- Anti Bullying October 6th
 - Theaterworks- with Mt. Horeb
 - Still booking more. Looking into reptiles and BMX helmet safety.
- **Playground Update**- Jenna Stein, Meenal Patel and Cindy Campbell
 - Capital Improvement project to enhance playground for all children- Approved by previous board.
 - Should cost roughly around \$30-40K (between equipment and install- does anyone know construction company that would install?)
 - Pre-k and Kindergarten area was fenced in- adding merry go round, stand alone public market and musical instruments. Getting step for monkey bars.
 - Big kid area- balance beam.
 - PTO purchasing equipment but going through Waren BOE who does purchase in case of recalls. Install After ordering it takes approximately 12 weeks to come in and another few weeks to install. Hoping for Spring 2024.
 - Looking into getting chalk boards and other games for Kindergarten area.

Budget 2023/24-Melissa Castle

***22/23 income** – Over \$10k raised during our Adult Social last year. Money is going towards playground project.

***23/24 budgeted income/expenses-** new items/ changes. Expected to raise \$29K this year and expenses will be about \$27K consecutively be doing this every year. Board has passed budget.

Fundraising- Meaghan Mungeker & Cristina Tayal

-Our clubs last year raised over \$8K

-After School programs- On the Court, Chess, Drama Club, Aberakadoodle, Soccer.

-Fundraisers Fall 2023: Mabel's Labels (\$57.28) Jets Game (Sept 24th) California Pizza Kitchen (Sept/Oct) Buffalo Wild Wings (Oct)

-Upcoming Fundraisers: Blaze Pizza (Winter 2023-24) and Duck Donuts (Valentine's Day)

Homeroom Parents/ Membership- Melissa Ulsaker & Vanessa Carollo

-HR Parent update- Party budget increase \$150 each (\$2250) Preschool classes will get \$75 per class

-We will Venmo 1 HR parent from every class the \$150

-Email will go out about the best practices before our first party for Halloween. All HR parents have been selected.

-Looking for preschool rep to come to PTO meetings and then relay info to preschool classes.

-Membership- Cheddar up

-Teacher/Staff Holiday & EOY Gift collection -Cheddar up. Email through cheddar up to give to each teacher for holiday and EOY gifts.

-Looking into company match for donations.

-Directory Spot- Kerriann Linton & Melissa Castle (taking over)

Events 2023-24

-Spirit Wear Calendar-next spirit day is October 6th- Crazy Hair Day

-Trunk or Treat- Meenal Patel and Cindy Campbell

-Friday Oct 27th Rain Date Oct 26th

-Ladies/Mens night out: Saly G's 7-11pm \$65 per person (includes 2 drinks and food)

-Ladies- Oct 5th Amal Agah and Maribel Paini

-Mens- Oct 12th Fahd Agah

-Book Fair: Nov 6-8th -Meaghan Mungeker and Kerriann Linton

-Emails will go out for volunteers.

-Holiday Shop: Dec. 4-6th- Kristina Dealaman

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-Events for 2024

-International Health Day- (every 2 years) **Portugal, China, Jamaica** -Nicolle Gameiro, Fern Bell, & Rahul Parikh

-Possibly March/April.

-Health and Fitness Day- (every 2 years) Melisa Majlesi, Cindy Campbell, & Rahul Parikh

-Adult Social (Chairs still needed) Fun event, large event. Huge fundraiser for the PTO. Spring 2024

-Field Day (Chairs still needed) June

-Family Outing (Chairs still needed)- Usually at Meadowbrook but not this year. We are looking to return there in Fall of 2024. Trying to brainstorm new ideas as this event will be only for Central families and not a district event. Does not have to be in the fall, it can be in the Spring however it is harder because of spring sports.

-Possible ideas include- Food trucks, Farm day, Movie night etc.

-5th Grade Event- June 4th at the JCC- Rain date June 6th. ALT organizing.

Central will organize next years.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Tugya

-Parents asking about Chromebooks. No take home or individual Chromebooks for grades K-2 based on research. Learning is more effective with paper and pencil for the young learners and do better with less screen time. Children will still have access to them in the classroom for iReady and things like that. They will be used in rotation. Will inquire about K-2 insurance as parents of younger students paid for insurance and are not taking them home.

Nurse Anne- handed out food list for approved food list for parties in classroom. If the food item is on the approved list, ingredients do not need to be listed for parties. Class parties include a sweet, savory, fruits and vegetables and water. Sign-up genius gets emailed approximately 1 week before party to parents for donations. ShopRite and Acme have "school safe" cupcakes pre baked in bakery section.

Next Meeting- November 1st @ 2:15pm (Zoom)

PTO Meeting Schedule

November 1st @ 2:15pm (Zoom)

January 24th @ 2:15pm (Zoom)

March 27th @ 2:15pm (APR)

May 15th @ 2:15pm (Zoom)

Meeting began 2:22pm

Ended 3:14PM

