

PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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

- NOVEMBER: Teacher Immunity Bar Set up- Thanks to Jenna, Christina and Cindy.

- We skipped December and January and will be doing a Hot Coco Valentine's Day Bar in Feb.

- THANK YOU to Andrea for putting us in touch with the Pie Fundraiser and THANK YOU to Cindy for putting us in touch with Ana for the photographs! We raised a good amount of money for those 2 fundraisers and we will be doing the photos again in the fall but earlier.

- World Central Kitchen Coin Drive- Raised \$550

- Book Fair - THANK YOU to Meaghan Mungeker, Keriann Linton and Christina Lynch raised over \$1500

- Holiday Shop- THANK YOU Kristina Dealaman raised a little over \$800

- Playground Update- This will cost \$34k and working with the district on timing. Once this is finalized we will cut a check to the district for the playground equipment and they will handle. Will be installed this spring.

THANK YOU to all those who have helped fundraiser over the last few years!!

- Adult Social: April 12th, Bridgwater Manor- Masquerade Theme - Vanessa Carollo, Jenna Stein

- Seeking out donations and sponsorships. If you know someone who is willing to donate a gift card, basket or experience, please reach out to them. We raised a little over \$10k last year.

- \$130/person before March 1st- after March 1st \$150/person

Classes parents should have received an email to sign up and collect donations. Please sent out emails for donation from the children in your classes as we will be making baskets for auction- please make sure you donate money towards your class basket!

o Spirit Day- Feb 8th- Sports Jersey Day (in time for the Superbowl) This date was moved from Feb 9th because of international day.

- Budget 2023/24 - Melissa

- o 23/24 budgeted income: After School Clubs, Book Fair, and Holiday Shop

- o 23/24 budgeted expenses: International Day, Bingo.

- After School Programs - Meaghan & Cristina

- o Dunkin' Valentines Day Fundraiser 2/14. Dunkin Donuts in Warren on border of Basking Ridge.

- o Yankee Fundraiser 5/18 -More info to come. 1pm game. They will be donating to an adult social. Silent auction (4 yankee tickets to a game of your choice.)

- o After School Clubs-doing really well- A few clubs are starting soon so please sign up if you are interested.

- Homeroom Parents/Membership: Melissa & Vanessa

- o Valentine's Day Party 2/14-Please reach out to your teachers for dates and times of the parties.

- o Adult Social Basket Sign Ups went out- please make sure your class signed up to provide a basket.

- Events 2023-24

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

- Feb 9th

- Portugal, China and Jamaica

- o District Mom's Night Out- Central and Woodland to handle

- Feb 29th at Maggiano's from 7-10:30 pm. RSVP google form. All 4 elementary schools and the middle school. \$75 per person. DJ, raffles

- o Bingo Night- March 19th- Melissa Castle- Doors open at 6. Bingo starts at 6:30pm. We will be selling Eagle key chains and snacks. Fun night! Successful at Woodland so we are excited to bring this to Central. Sign-up genius for volunteers will be going out soon so be on the lookout for that.

- o BJ Ward Visit- April 15, 22, 28 and May 6th - 4th and 5th Graders ONLY. Fun for the kids as poetry month is in April. They will be reading and writing and learning about poetry.

- o Health and Fitness Day; April 19th- Melisa Majlesi, Cindy Campbell and Rahul Parikh. First time since covid. A lot of amazing ideas.

- Somerset Patriots- May 31st- Mt. Horeb to handle - Jill Zambell will Chair for Central
- 5th Grade Event- June 4th- ALT handling at the JCC Bridgewater. Every year events rotate for who plans event.
- Planning for 24-25
- Starting to plan and think of ideas for the 24-25 School Year. Email Jenna. Always open to new ideas.
- Anyone have any ideas/events they would like to see happen next year?
- Principal's Remarks- Bingo is a fundraiser. Entrance fee covers the boards for each game of the 5 games. \$10 entrance fee. Date is secured for the gym.
- Class Buddies- Every child filled out an about me sheet in November. This week the students got together to discuss these and talk about traditions in their families. (1st and 4th grade met. 2nd and 3rd grade was going to meet and K and 5th graders will meet later this week and they are working on a map that represents all the students in our school, where they are from and the languages they speak) Great experience!
- Assemblies- In addition to International day, we are having a Sky Dome assembly coming up Feb 15th. Set up a Planetarium in the gym. March is Young Authors day.
- Class of the Month Initiative- Next week Class of the month. School rules to soar. (Example- PE is doing Golden Sneaker. Class that demonstrates good sportsmanship and positive attitude. Recognize the good things the students are doing.
- During class parties- Visitors-Please do not use restroom in Nurses office for privacy reasons.
- Procedures in the winter- Please send children with enough warm clothing for recess. Kids are sent outside if the temperature and wind chill are above 25 degrees. 1 issue we have is snow removal equipment can not be used on the blue top. Plow would ruin the surface.

PTO Meetings

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

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

Meeting Ended 2:39pm