

## Nov 13, 2024 | 📅 PTO Meeting

### Attendees:

Abby Fiorentino, Nikita Nunemacher, Mike Losito, Julia Losito, Nicole Irish, Krista Templin, Nicole Seigel, Mark Baldozer, Tara George, Danielle Gwyn, Redi Berher, Mike King, Becca Althouse, Amy Mast

### Notes

- Meeting commenced at 1834
- October meeting minutes approved by Danielle G. and Redi B.
- Sign up genius links have been distributed for families to assist with stocking the break room, the teacher meal for student conferences, and the staff appreciation gifts
- **Nikita Nunemacher** (Yearbook): A drop box has been created for teachers/staff to share photos with the yearbook. We are changing companies this year to keep books affordable
  - More parent volunteers are needed to continue publishing the yearbook!
- **Dr. Irish:** Thank you so much for the snacks in the breakroom!
  - The interim principal, Ms. Bash, will start Monday, 11/18
    - She was the Brecht principal from 2005-2012, and her children attended Brecht
  - A replacement principal has been hired and will be announced at the next school board meeting. She is projected to start in January
  - Thank you Brecht families for making our Veteran's ceremony a success
  - Thank you to Abby Fiorentino for her assistance with jumpstarting the reading program. We will be having guest readers, with our first guest reader at the next final friday!
  - Please note two recent communications:
    - iPads will be coming home on weekends now-April. They are for FID only, not for entertainment purposes
    - National Children's Grief Awareness is taking place at the school
  - Staffing changes: Mrs. Gish left. Mrs. Siegel will now be on staff as a building aid
    - A new playground aid has been hired to take the job of Ms. Sue who retired
    - Dr. Felty's last day is 12/15
  - Playground
    - Would any families be interested in applying for a grant to create some murals on the playground? It would be great to add some color and interactive features.
- **Mrs. Templin:** Thanks for the snacks in the breakroom. They are a great pick-me-up
  - Thanks for all your assistance with the book fair, and making it such a success
- **Abby Fiorentino:**
  - SLAC: standardized test results will be available after the school board meeting

- All the elementary schools will be ordering/installing TV screens in the main office with photos/information
- Violin Program: The program is ending due to increasing commitments of the directors/instructors. We appreciate their years of service
  - PTO executive team is looking into alternatives
- We should hear soon whether the artist in residence grant has been approved by MTEF
- Movie night will be in January. Movie and date TBD.
- Thanksgiving food drive currently serving 17 Brecht families. PTO will also be financing Aldi gift cards to the families for perishable foods
- Of you ever need to reach (Abby) for a time-sensitive matter, use her personal email [abigailmarie212@gmail.com](mailto:abigailmarie212@gmail.com)
- **Mark Boldizer**
  - There will be opportunities for parent feedback in the search for a superintendent
  - Always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns [boldizma@mtwp.net](mailto:boldizma@mtwp.net)
- **Nicole Siegel**
  - Hospitality: Thanks to families for signing up for the various hospitality links. Reviewed the lists.
  - Garden: Wrapping up lessons with the fourth graders. They will harvest produce and make a meal.
    - GOTR volunteered and helped to complete fall cleanup
    - Volunteers will be needed in March/April to tear out the existing garden beds, assemble new garden beds, and remove and replant herbs and perennials. More to come.

Meeting adjourned @ 1910

#### Action items

- ☐ If you haven't, please sign up to assist with hospitality initiatives. Links on <https://sites.google.com/view/brechtpto/home>
- ☐ Please consider helping with the yearbook; [yearbookbrecht@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookbrecht@gmail.com)
- ☐ Anyone interested in applying to MTEF for playground murals? Let us know if we can assist with the process! [brechtpto@gmail.com](mailto:brechtpto@gmail.com)
- ☐ Keep an eye out for communication re.winter movie night
- ☐ Have suggestions/leads on someone that could assist with implementing a music program to replace the violin program? Let the PTO know!
- ☐ Keep an eye out for signups for the spring garden volunteers