

PTO Meeting

May 11, 2022

Welcome from Melissa Chalom and Tennyson Berty

- Additional board members present: Rachel Wickstrom, Amanda Gutteridge, Sara White, Kerri Treinen
- Kristi Jones, Kellyanne Kuntz, and Jessica Budianowski
- Sara White will take over as social media chair and (small) fundraiser chair for next year
- PTO board members - please send pics to Kristi for next year
- Jessica Budianowski is outgoing fundraising chair - she has offered to help us with some fundraising tips before she leaves!

****Looking for Field Day volunteers for May 20th (please contact your teachers or Kristi Jones to volunteer)**

Staff Appreciation Week: feedback was great! Thanks to all the PTO board members for volunteering and planning! The teachers and staff felt appreciated.

Budget: Currently, the PTO has \$4,899.99 in the main account; \$1,221.81 in the "food pantry" account (these accounts may be merged next year)

- Shade sails have been purchased (\$5600) will be installed this summer
- Still working on getting picnic tables donated for this space
- Bounce House for Field Day has been paid for
- If any PTO members have receipts for TAW, please get Tennyson the receipts.

Panther Pacers: (12) kids were chosen to participate in a special field trip for their enthusiasm and dedication to PP. They will be going to BUGS for a cooking class!

Dinner fundraiser: MOD pizza on 5/12 - PP gets 20%

Summer meetings for PTO board members: Use Doodle Polls to figure out a good date for board to meet and begin planning for next year

- Discuss what the main events will be - prepare a 'presentation' for a staff meeting in August to share ideas with teachers
- Invite the incoming Kindergarten parents for a meet- and greet type meeting in August before school starts (idea)
- Get ideas from teachers about what they would like to see the PTO do

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Attending:

in-person

Jessica

Rachel

Sarah

Nicole

Tennyson

Susanna

Eric Ennis

Michelle Fuller

Online

Lolly Gutierrez

Kelly Anne

Kristi

Amanda

Sara White accepts a position on the board. Still looking for someone to be the Fundraising Coordinator

PTO Board members for current year and for next year:

Co-Presidents: Melissa Chalom and Tennyson Berty

Vice President: Rachel Wickstrom

Secretary: Kerri Treinen

Treasurer: Amanda Gutteridge

Volunteer Coordinator and Social Media Manager: Sara White

Fundraising Coordinator: OPEN

Shade sail

\$550 for 18x18 sail, does not include installation

Kelly Ann 1st proposal for matching funds was rejected. She is working on a different angle to help get funding for an additional sail.

The sail will likely go in the grassy area by the fire hydrant. Maintenance said it would be easier for mowing.

It was mentioned that the school playground area is also well utilized by the community on weekends and after school hours. Maybe this could also aid in asking for community support and donations for the shade sails?

Picnic Tables

\$718 for a table that seats 8. Tennyson will work with Jessica to craft a letter asking for donations. Hoping to get 1 or 2 tables donated, and PTO would then order 1 or 2 additional tables. Planning for 4 total.

Read-a-thon fundraiser

For future fundraising endeavors Jessica suggested “pulling at heartstrings” –having students create videos, letters, pictures, etc to encourage more giving. We could post the videos on our school Youtube page. (We could take a video of kids sitting at the 1 table, asking for money to get more tables)

Being clear about the goal of the fundraiser upfront. Setting a specific goal and sharing that is another way to try and encourage more giving, particularly from larger businesses.

Final Dinner Night Fundraiser:

Wednesday April 20– place still not confirmed, possibly Idaho Pizza, Melissa is working on it.

Reader Board

Kelly Anne was able to get the PTO reimbursed for \$3,300 for the reader board fiasco.

Future Fundraisers:

Plan to have a fall fundraiser that is “something” to purchase. And a larger “money-raising” fundraiser in the spring.

Out of precaution, plan to have double-count, signature, and accountability with fundraiser funds.

Everyone liked the idea of bringing back the **Square 1 Art fundraiser** for the fall. PTO will give teachers plenty of time to plan ahead for the art projects. PTO will encourage teachers to reach out to classroom parent volunteers to help with art projects. PTO will put an announcement in the newsletter alerting parents that teachers may be asking for their help with the project. Need to plan enough time in advance so that ordered items from the fundraiser arrive in time to be used as holiday gifts.

Money

\$7188.85 in main PTO account

\$1221 in food pantry account

\$404 in paypal account

Approx \$11,000 in account after all is said and done.

Melissa will get added to the bank account.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Meeting on Sunday April 10th to discuss ideas.

We will send out staff "favorites" list prior to TAW so that families can bring things in during that week. We will also include a link to each teachers \$ account, so that there is an option to give \$\$ instead of an item.

Teachers present at the meeting mentioned how much they loved the personal notes and touches during TAW. They said sometimes the massages or something like that are tricky to schedule during their day.

PTO will send out a survey at the end of the year for teachers to chime in about what they would like to see in the future, what would be helpful from the PTO, etc.

One thing discussed was an *organized* art closet. Complete with supplies as well as binders with specific grade-level art lesson plans and materials needs. So that a volunteer or teacher could access these things with ease.

Kelly Anne mentioned "Art Cottage" curriculum provided by the district

Next PTO meeting will be moved to Wednesday May 11, so that it is not during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. We will invite interested incoming Kindergarten parents to join in that meeting. Plan to have it as a virtual/in-person combo meeting again. Discuss with Michelle the possibility of utilizing a larger screen/speakers so that everyone can see everyone. Last meeting it was a little tricky with a small computer screen.

Summer Planning Meetings:

Plan for 2 meetings: early summer and end of summer