

**Michael Collins PTA Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024 / 4:30 pm**

- I. Attendees: Nell Haack, Tom Hirsch, Ashley Kaczmarczyk, Emmy Kamien, Laurie Mandarino, Thea Pascual, Ashley Pauling, Celeste Render, Katie Szwaja, Stefanie Vogt
- II. Principal's Report
 - Conferences were successful and well attended.
 - MAP testing is in process.
 - Return from break on January 6th, "belonging/ reset" day with homeroom teachers all day.
 - Winter Sing Along on December 20th. McTeacher check to be presented.
- III. President's Report
 - STC Membership recognition, Celeste highlighted our successes.
 - Distributed wrapping paper to staff and provided indoor recess games.
 - Entire Dooley PTA board resigned, no STC meeting. Previous VP is taking over.
 - Auction information was sent out, thanks for the email blast.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - As of November 30th: \$45,049.55 balance.
- V. Past Events
 - November 14: Picture Retake – Everyone was taken care of.
 - November 14: Raising Cane's Dine-to-Donate – Raised \$196.00.
 - November 25 & 26: Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conferences,
 - December 4: McAlister's Dine-to-Donate – Raised \$59.33.
 - Advertise more about putting receipt in bin.
- VI. Upcoming Events
 - December 12 & 13: Holiday Shop – Set up tonight.
 - January 8: PTA Meeting – Nell & Stefanie may have a conflict, discuss rescheduling.
 - February 11: Bingo for Books – Shop for books in January.
 - February 12: PTA Meeting
 - February TBD: STEM Fair – Last week of February/ first week of March; 3rd -6th grade.
 - March 12: PTA Meeting
 - March 14: PTA STC Auction – Location TBD. We have not needed to RSVP yet.
 - For baskets: Park District donated Water Works and pool passes. Boomers donated.
 - March 20: 4th Grade Concert – Music program.
 - March 21: Fling into Spring Classroom Parties.
 - April 8 & 9: Bookfair – Dates not confirmed with Anderson's – TBD.
 - April 9: PTA Meeting
 - April 25: Fun Fair – Flavia is heading, will put a committee together.
 - Using same company as last year. Volunteers were great.
 - May 14: PTA Scholarship Dinner
 - May 21: PTA Changeover Dinner
 - May 22: Track and Field Day
 - May 23: 6th Grade Celebration
 - May 30: Plan of Works Due for 2025-26
 - TBD: Celebrate Reading and Writing
 - TBD/Spring: Basketball Shootout
- VII. Grade Level Events

- Kindergarten: Donuts with Grownups and Wheel of Wisdom
- 1st Grade: Donuts with Grownups and Wheel of Wisdom
- 2nd Grade: Campfire Night and Wheel of Wisdom
- 3rd Grade: Mathnasium, Basketball Shootout and Wheel of Wisdom
- 4th Grade: Concert, Basketball Shootout and Wheel of Wisdom
- 5th Grade: Mathnasium and Wheel of Wisdom
- 6th Grade: 6th Grade Celebration and Wheel of Wisdom

VIII. Committees

- Audit Committee
- Back to School Committee
- Birthday Book Club
- Book Fair
- Dine to Donate
- Family Fun Nights
- Fun Fair
- Holiday Shop
- Hospitality
- Hot Lunch
- Landscaping
- Membership
- Nominating Committee
- Reflections – 11 submissions, all moving onto district level, no other updates yet.
 - o One participant no longer goes to Collins (as of last year), Emmy never heard back.
- Scholarships
- School Supply Kits
- Spirit Wear – Orders from last month will be delivered on December 17th.
 - o Keep an eye on notes to make sure we are watching for gift items.
- STC Auction
- Yearbook
- 6th Grade Celebration –
 - o List of themes sent to Nell for 6th graders to vote on. It would be great to get to the students before holiday break.
 - o Send a Google form after break to see who is interested in helping and tasks/ jobs.
 - o Update binder to make it more resourceful.

IX. Last meeting, voted on updating bylaws. All are in favor to make this update:

- ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION (page 4)

Suggested edit for (d). A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, unless no nominee accepts an officer position. The officers may remain in their current role only if uncontested.

X. Website –

- Follow up to make sure the volunteer submissions are received.
- Link to PTA website - <https://sites.google.com/view/collinspta/pta-home?authuser=0>
- Link to volunteer website - <https://sites.google.com/view/collinspta/volunteer?authuser=0>

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.