

Pennwood Middle School PTO Meeting Thursday 9/12

Attendance- 10 parents

Eboard Members- Beth Alon, Tania Zinych, Denise Cashman, and Danielle Grzybek

.Staff- Mr. Majikas, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Majikas-

-thank you to PTO for staff breakfast. All teachers and staff loved it!

-thank you to PTO for new family picnic. Huge success!

- fall sports are fully staffed, including cheerleading, which is very exciting!

new this year, soccer will be split into boys in fall and girls in spring

-Thursday 9/12 is 6th grade back to school night

families will start in auditorium then move to A1

-MAP testing (took place of Linkit) taking place this week. M/W ELA, Tu/Th Math

helps identify students in need of support

also use IXL as a diagnostic tool

Student Council Rep-

1st fundraiser ice pops at lunch.

popcorn Fridays also beginning soon

possibly doing a breakfast for veterans for Veterans Day

possibly a holiday bazaar

elections for homeroom representatives will take place next week

Mrs. Taylor-

will be selling candygrams by cafeteria at BTSN. \$1 for chips and \$2 for candy. Will be delivered next week. Cash only (exact change preferred but some change available). Contact Ms. Taylor if want to purchase a candygram and you wont be at BTSN

there will be an assembly on 10/1 for the magazine drive

Mr. Kennedy

all clubs will be starting soon. Mr. Majikas will send out a newsletter once they start

Mr. Majikas- Literacy Lab

MTSS (Multi Tiered system of support) Tiers 1,2, and 3

- 1- Curriculum- data from PSSA, MAP, Linkit testing. See if there are any specific issues or topics to focus on. During OP, kids work on IXL ½ hour during 5 day period. ½ ELA and ½ Math. This is all done during OP and class
- 2- Note specific kids who have gaps. Students who need specialized attention. Create subgroups in OP (keep them small). Pull kids out of express arts and work on comprehension with reading specialist or ELA teacher. Work targets specific students who need some extra work. This is fluid- kids can move in and out during OP as needed.
- 3- Students who have existing IEPs or those who need more support. Requires advanced tier team- permission to evaluate may be needed.

Beth Alon, PTO President

volunteer clearances need to be up to date in office to help with anything in the school

if you are a committee chair, you must be a member of the PTO

thank you to all those who joined the PTO! 228 families and staff so far!

teacher breakfast and new family picnic were a huge success!

Box Tops- thank you to Tina Keefe. Off to a great start! \$351.11 raised so far!

Tina will do contests again, hopefully starting in October

Minted- Julie S will be chairing this committee

PTO newsletter used to be sent out on Sunday. Pennwood newsletter is being sent out on Fridays. PTO will send PW info by Thursday and both will be combined.

Denise Cashman, PTO Treasurer

Donation made to Pennsbury kids for beginning of school year for Start School Write event. So far the PTO spent money on the BTS Welcome Breakfast for Staff, the new family picnic, PBIS prizes

Amy Forsythe, PTO VP/Fundraising (not present but Beth shared her report)

Spiritwear will start soon. Is being chaired by Leah Haft. Will be an online store that will run about 2 weeks.

Spirit nights are coming! Different restaurant nights, etc

Danielle Grzybek- PTO Corresponding Secretary

No report

Tania Zinych- PTO Recording Secretary

Meeting notes will be posted on PTO Website

Other items-

Unity Walk will take place either late fall or spring. Date TBD

Fall Social- October 25 6:15-8:15. Run by student council. PTO purchases some items. Looking for parents to volunteer to help. DJ in cafeteria and food, volleyball, basketball in gym. In October so possibly Halloween theme- student council picks theme.

Book fair is 10/28-10/31. Chair Kerri M and Lindsey S. Also looking for parent volunteers.

Next virtual meeting is 10/10 at 9:30.