

## **ROOSEVELT SCHOOL PTO MEETING**

**Friday, October 15, 2021 8:40am**

1. Call to Order: Stephanie Butler, Randy Martin
2. Approval of Old Minutes: Stephanie Butler, Melanie Schweiger
3. Principal's Report: Mr. Henzel
  - a. We are done with our Start Strong assessments in 4th-6th grade. Should have results fairly soon and be able to take action
  - b. Thank you to Mrs. Gallo for picture day and Mrs. Arabia for the book fair
  - c. Last week was Week of Respect, thank you for participating
  - d. Liberty science center is back in the building this year
  - e. We are eating outside almost every day and everyone loves it. We are discussing at what point do we not eat lunch outside? We will determine what that appropriate temperature is and let parents know.
  - f. We will have a Halloween parade. It will be the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Kids will come to school in costume and there will be multiple parades starting around 9am, staggered by grade. It will be on blacktop. If it rains, no parade. A detailed letter will be sent out, including dos and don'ts for costumes. Make sure the costume is one they can easily take on and off throughout the day.
4. Teacher Liaison Report: Ms. O'Keefe
  - a. The teachers want to thank the PTO for the \$25 to the book fair and they used it very quickly!
  - b. Question from K and 1<sup>st</sup> teachers – in the spring could they print out the ewallet receipts in advance so the kids know how much they have? Some children didn't know they had money in their ewallet.
  - c. Teachers love lunch outside and thank the volunteers
  - d. We appreciate the PTO mini grants and hoping to get a little extension (granted!)
  - e. BMX assembly was great!
  - f. Thank you for the picture day volunteers, very helpful in keeping the students in line
5. Co-President's report
  - a. We need chairperson(s) for Yearbook and Father's Day Sale (though looks like we have volunteers)
  - b. Amazon Holiday Shopping sales begin 10/16 – make sure you select Roosevelt School PTO as your charity in Amazon Smile. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and you will find Roosevelt School PTO as an option to select as your charity. We will receive a portion of all of your purchases!
  - c. Make sure you join the PTO facebook group as the old page will be deleted. Must be a paid member of the PTO
  - d. Pictures for Yearbook: Parents can upload pictures to <https://images.memoryebooks.com/416655964>. Must be school related photos.

- e. November – “Month of Thankfulness” Looking into co-sponsoring a coat/hat/gloves drive with the student council, TBD on the exact dates. Looking for other ideas for ways to show thankfulness, please send us your ideas.
- f. PTO Lunches: it’s beneficial if your kids know what they ordered, so it’s helpful when they go up to get their lunch

#### 6. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Teacher Mini-Grants: 1-week extension granted for teachers. This is for the teachers to go out and purchase things in the classroom that they may purchase themselves (books, supplies, guest speaker). They purchase the items and send to Mr. Henzel for approval.

#### 7. Committee reports

- a. Mini Boo Bash (K-2nd grade) 10/28 K-2 during school in afternoon. 45 min each. All different crafts and games and activities.
- b. Monster Mash (3-6 grades) 10/29 in the evening. No tickets sold at the door. Must buy by 10/22. No food, but lots of water. Kids and parent volunteers must wear masks. DJ, photo booth, crafts, fortune teller. No rigid schedule. Need help cleaning up, please volunteer!! Wristbands given at check in. 2 entrances, likely separated by alphabet. Check out will all be through the front door.
- c. Gardening Committee: We plated mums on continental and in the front of the school
- d. Spirit Wear: Apologies for the delays and possible mix-ups. Please send any issues to us via email and we will sort it out with our Chairperson (thank you, Patreece Koth!). Spirit wear should be distributed week of 10/18
- e. Book Fair: We raised as much money in one book fair that they usually make in two! Thank you! Raised lots of money for teachers to use as well.
- f. Picture Day: Make up day TBD

#### 8. Old business – None

#### 9. New business

- a. Suggestion: PTO to donate a box of masks to each classroom so the kids don’t have to go to the nurse if they need one. Leaving the classroom can be disruptive.
- b. Suggest PTO hosts a “meet the candidates” for Board of Ed along with Cherry Hill. RDHS and Oradell are also doing this. Randy Martin happy to spearhead. She would love a partner.

#### 10. Motion to Adjourn – Melanie Schweiger and Randy Martin

**Next PTO meeting: November 18th at 7:30pm**