



Drake Middle School PTO Meeting - Sept. 16th

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WELCOME & PRESIDENT UPDATE - President - Jenny Allen

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Jill Kline

- Watch DOGS Dads
 - Program for dads to volunteer (hall duty, lunch, classrooms, etc.).
 - PTO previously paid for background checks and t-shirts.
 - Need to review last year's investment (see Jan. notes).
 - Jeff McFarlane interested in supporting; Brian Armstrong led last year.
- Computer Lab Fundraiser: Jill hoped to run independently but PTO support required to accept payment.
- Next Level Fundraiser (Tyson Reiner):
 - Partners with local middle schools; ends with "Best Day Ever" obstacle-course event and prize raffle.
 - Focus on experience, not dollars.
 - Direct-donation campaign: invite 10 people to donate, enter raffle.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Molly Froehlich

- Strong start: \$18,630 total to date
 - \$12,000 carry-over from last year
 - \$6,000 raised this year (membership, sponsorships, marquee, etc.)

PRESENT/UPCOMING BUSINESS

Upcoming Calendar:

- Fall Photo Mini Sessions In Progress (thru Oct.)
- Sept. 25 - First Dine Out Night at Freedom Street Social
- Oct. 4 - Craft Fair
- Oct. 8-9 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Hospitality

- Oct. 8 & 9 Parent Teacher Conferences-Kyndra N.
- Wed: Dinner 4–5 PM | Thu: 4:30–7:30 PM
- Blue Pan Pizza, Potato Bar (Rib City + TBD)
- SignUpGenius coming; drop-off by 3:30 PM

Fundraising In Action

- School Spirit Wear- Tonya Boose & Erin Rist - 40+ orders; raised \$350; accessories less popular; end of Sept.: gift-card raffle for teachers
- Fall Photo Mini Sessions - Kyndra Ninesling - Best response from PTO email; Soroya booked; new flyer coming
- Craft Fair- Oct. 4 - Jenny, families come out and support!
- Dine Outs - Beth Dillon & Julie Eaton - Freedom Street Social Sept 25 – all day
- FroYo is Back! - Committee Set!
 - Oct. 23 (Thursday during advisement @ 3:20pm)

Future Fundraisers

- Big “Ticket” Fundraiser” 25/26
- Proposed Project: Computer Lab Fundraiser - Led by Jill Kline and Pop4Kids Fundraising company (tabled for vote 10/21)

Teacher, Student, and Staff Support

- Teacher Request list is live for teachers to make requests - Jill
- Donut Days - getting set up with Ms. Johnson - Kyndra N.
- Amazon CLINIC Wishlist - Lauren Snow helping to coordinate; small frig will be covered by Drake funds
- Amazon Wishlist -Tonya
 - Andrea Bradford, Sara Kirkendall, Delia O'Connor offered to purchase items
 - Tonya to share full list next meeting

OPEN POSITIONS

BOARD

- **Co-Treasurer** - Shadow Molly to learn the ropes and take over next year once Molly moves on
- **Co-Secretary** - Share taking notes and meetings and light administrative support

COMMUNICATIONS

- PTO Newsletter-posted in weekly Friday Deets and Monday email
- Website-potentially looking for additional support on this

FUNDRAISING

- Support in building community sponsors/partners

TEACHER, STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT

- 8th Grade Continuation - Need committee of 2-3 people with mix of 7th and 8th grade parents - Sara K. has volunteered to help!
- CMAS Snacks-lead
- Hearing and Vision-help with snacks/food for staff running the clinic
- Possible: Scholarship Fund and Award

Next Meeting: Tuesday Oct. 21st, 12:45-1:45 pm at Drake Middle School
