

**Michael Collins PTA Meeting Agenda
November 13, 2024 / 6:00 pm**

- I. Meeting started at 6:01 pm.
 - Attendees – Jennifer Durso, Nell Haack, Ashley Kaczmarczyk, Laurie Mandarino, Thea Pascual, Ashley Pauling, Celeste Render, and Stefanie Vogt.

- II. Principal's Report
 - Trunk or Treat
 - o Awesome event, we will always run out of candy. Next year, leave off an end time; the event will go until candy runs out.
 - o District is requesting the spray paint for the parking spots be removed.
 - Picture Retake
 - o Thursday, November 14th from 9-11:00 am.
 - o Celeste and will be there.
 - o 6th graders are going on a field trip, they will go first.
 - Parent/ Teacher Conferences
 - o Sign up was defaulting to virtual Zoom, go in and update if planning for in-person.
 - MAP Testing
 - o Starts the Monday after Thanksgiving break, December 2nd-13th.
 - Holiday Shop
 - o December 12th-13th.
 - Mathnasium
 - o Successful night, very organized, nice set up.
 - Thank you for all the great events.

- III. President's Report
 - STC meeting
 - o Lifetouch donation of \$400 to \$450 to each school.
 - Application submitted for indoor/ outdoor recess equipment.
 - o Every teacher will receive one indoor and outdoor activity (dice, board games, etc.).
 - We are all set with our paperwork.
 - We have not heard back about the national grants.
 - Trunk or Treat ideas for next year:
 - o Students who donate candy or non-food items receive a Collins cash card.
 - o Require participants to buy a treat bag for \$1/ bag. Can sell bags in advance.

- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - Cash in bank \$62,818.20.
 - Budget \$70,075.00.
 - Spent \$6,110,78 this schoolyear.
 - Hot lunch refund for a few students who have recent allergy diagnosis.
 - Taxes are filed.

- V. Past Events
 - McTeacher Night - Raised \$1,226.36.
 - o Ashley will reach out to Mary about the check.
 - Trunk or Treat
 - STC Fall Conference Dinner
 - o Award for membership increase.
 - 2nd Grade Campfire Night
 - o Well-attended, it was great.
 - Reflections Deadline

- o 12 entries submitted; all went to district level.
- Halloween Parade & Classroom Parties
- 3rd & 5th Grade Mathnasium Night
 - o Great, small crowd, kids took their time.
 - o Conant volunteers were awesome.

VI. Upcoming Events

- November 14: Picture Retake
- November 14: Raising Cane's Dine-to-Donate from 4-9pm – Update: Raised \$196.00.
- November 25 & 26: Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conferences
- December 11: PTA Meeting
- December 12 & 13: Holiday Shop
 - o Noreen will be sending volunteer sign up to Nell.
- January 8: PTA Meeting
- February 11: Bingo for Books
- February 12: PTA Meeting
- February TBD: STEM Fair – Amy Fitzgerald, Megan Salter, and Stefanie Vogt.
- March 12: PTA Meeting
- March 14: PTA STC Auction
 - o November 18th meeting, will have more information after.
 - o Prom-theme, post-prom dress.
 - o Basket ideas – Ashley P. is creating Amazon wish list this week.
 - a. Baseball – Boomers' suite and baseball swag (cards, Big League Chew, etc.).
 - b. Wrinkle Fairy – Katie's husband will donate units of Botox, facial creams, etc.
 - c. Other ideas – Camping, Taste of Schaumburg, Hostess, Taco Night.
 - d. Will add 5x gift cards to wish list for donations.
 - o Will need bottles of wine to donate.
- March 20: 4th Grade Concert
- March 21: Fling into Spring Classroom Parties
- April 8 & 9: Bookfair – Dates confirmed with Anderson's.
- April 9: PTA Meeting
- April 25: Fun Fair
- May 14: PTA Scholarship Dinner
- May 21: PTA Changeover Dinner
- May 22: Track and Field Day
- May 23: 6th Grade Celebration
 - o Katie & Emmy met and are coming up with the theme.
 - o Katie will send to Nell/ Stefanie to have the students vote on a theme.
 - o Next, will reach out parents for subcommittees and divide up responsibilities.
 - o Request 5th grade parent volunteers, allows for 6th grade parents to enjoy.
 - o Binder will need updated to be more helpful with tips, timeline, etc.
- 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
 - o Book fair total sales = \$10,500.
 - o As of October 12th, book for profit = \$4,805.
- Book Fair
- Dine to Donate
 - o McAlister's – December 4th from 10:30 am – 9:00 pm.
- Family Fun Nights
- Fun Fair
- Holiday Shop – See above "Upcoming Events".
- Hospitality
- Hot Lunch
- Landscaping
- Membership
 - o Will provide QR code to sign up at conferences by classroom doors and front doors.
 - o Possible incentive if you sign up at conferences.
 - o We will do a race after holidays.
- Nominating Committee
- Reflections – See above "Upcoming Events".
- Scholarships
- School Supply Kits
 - o Locked in with the Write Stuff, 12% discount this year.
- Spirit Wear
 - o Open through November 26th.
 - o Depending on how many orders we receive, would like to do something for the staff.
 - o Possibly get a faculty code for a discount.
- STC Auction – See above "Upcoming Events".
- Yearbook
 - o Students voted on 31 submissions for yearbook covers.
- 6th Grade Celebration – See above "Upcoming Events".

IX. By-laws and President's Position

- Celeste is in her 2nd term as President, under our current by-laws, this would be her last.
- Per STC, we can rewrite our by-laws and vote to adjust the term criteria.
 - o Article VI – Officers and Their Election, Section 2, (d). *A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.*
 - o Amended to include *unless no nominee accepts an officer position. The officers may remain in their current role only if uncontested.*
 - o We will update and approve at the next meeting in December.

X. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.