



FWES PTA Meeting Agenda

10/10/2023

1. Welcome President Jennifer Fountain started the meeting at 7:00 pm in the library
2 attended on zoom (Kelly and Mary Kay)

Attendees in person: Jenn Fountain, Melissa Corcoran, Sara Heckman, Leena Lee, Katie Ruslander, Greg Ebbecke, Liz Phelps, Jen Breznicky, Leah Baker, Debbie Rothkopt, Shanna Struthes, Deb Matos, Wendy Cohen, Rachel Land, Katie Reilly, Megan Garner

2. Principal's Report – Shawn McAleer

Safety meeting update: have a new report for taking vitals/can record kids info during the drills or a way to keep all kids accounted for (additional accountability piece). Attendance is in by 9:15 and the Safety director can oversee that. Concerns that teachers may see at recess or carpool (checking doors and swipe for safety). Accountability is the key piece in any drill. Lockdown, lockout, offsite and onsite evacuation drills. (all meet in the gym and parents pick up). Offsite would be at the high school (state mandated) and monthly fire drills. Talked about doing tabletop drills. Safety is number 1 on their minds always.

Boosterthon - a lot of teachers commented that it was a Pyramid Scheme. Feedback from parents as well (emails with negative comments). Mr Malcom had a great connection with the kids (very positive energy in the building). Concerns with the prizes (and kids being excluded from prizes) and confusion with events per day. Run day was great and kids loved it. If we were to do it again, not October (kids still learning procedures), eliminate the prizes, and if we could meet with the Boosterthon and set rules (everyone is doing pajama day). Less focus on the donation/money part. Raised 26,000 dollars for our school. (about 50,000 total and half goes to Booster, half to our school). We also got corporate sponsors. Discussed the option of doing a fun run in the future (without the money raising piece) but likely 1 and done for this.

Data meetings are this time of year (3 times a year) data meetings are reading focused (little touch of math). Mr. Mac, all of kindergarten, 2 reading specialists and ISS teacher. Different reading assessments and a chance for sharing the reading groups and a chance to share any other kids they're concerned about. Tier 1 is kids that aren't getting any reading support. Tier 2 is needing support within the room (might work through guided reading). Tier 3 are kids being pulled out. Each reading special has 9 groups. And then another meeting in the winter and a spring meeting. Some kids stay in reading groups through 5th, some are in and out.

Upcoming events - scheduling date for Kindergarten sing-along, usually the Friday or Wed before Thanksgiving. This will be in Patriot Press Thursday.

3rd/4th grade Chorus is going to Harrisburg (singing holiday songs at the capitol building) planned for early Dec.

3. Business Meeting

a. Committees

a. Boosterthon (earned 26,289 total).

When do we get it? Some people pledged per minute, those funds haven't come in. Those that did a flat amount online came in.

b. [Mom PROM November 11th](#)

Tickets are on sale now. Get tickets! 90s themed. If you have a Prom Picture, please send and will have a slide show of all the prom pictures (to fort washington PTA email). Ticket includes food, drinks, DJ-ed by Mr. Mac. Playlist request in a spreadsheet is requested.

c. Fifth Grade Pretzels

Last week was a little bumpy but it was the first week of it! After November, need help with sign ups. Mr. Mac can add a pretzel section in the newsletter.

d. ASA (Jan 30 to March 1) Tues and Thurs, opportunity to try something after school without an enormous commitment. Looking for volunteers to help out. If you help out, you get a free class / family (one class/family).

e. Big Strides -Kelly is the chair, will start small 3-5th grade.

f. Yearbook- Mary Kay - yearbooks are discounted until 10/31. If you want to volunteer, always accept people to help on the team!

g. Dine and Earn

Mod Pizza on 10/19, Magerks on 11/8 (Fort Washington)

h. Cradles to Crayons

Looking to hold a Fall Drive and a Spring Drive (on 4/15, save the date).

Looking to schedule 5th grade field trips too.

b. [Approve Sept Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve, approved.

c. [Treasurer's Report](#)

Sep report: brought in 10,226 dollars. Pretzels are the biggest portion (7,045 dollars). Fall Mums net profit (1,218). Boosterthon in Sept brought in 2895 from initial register/pledges. School supply boxes brought in 782. Also had 500 donations for the Garden club from Double Wood supplements. PTA membership income Spent on teacher wish list items and paypal fees.

d. Announcements

a. Spirit Wear - Scheduled to come at the end of next week. Distribution to be last week of Oct.

b. The School Store will be open for students from 3:15 to 3:45 on Wednesdays (cash only).

c. Room Parent Luncheon Thursday - Oct 12 (During your child's lunch)

d. Upcoming Dine and Earns: **10/19** Mod Pizza and **11/8** Magerks

e. October is Bullying Prevention Month - [Spirit Week - October 16 - 20](#)

f. Fall Library Open House for Pumpkin Steam - October 25th 6:00 - 7:00

g. Halloween Parade: Monday October 30th at 2:15pm.

- h. **No school** October 31th or November 1st (Happy Halloween!)
- i. Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, November 14th
- j. FWES Tree Planting is scheduled for November 18th: need 35 volunteers. Will be notified on FB and in the newsletter.

4. Shout Outs

- a. Thank you to Darcey and Meg for all their hard work for Boosterthon!
- b. Melissa Corcoran for organizing our September Dine & Earn

5. New Business/Old Business : None

6. Feedback: None

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm.