

PTO Minutes
February 12, 2024
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Participants: Rosanne Guerriero, Aimee Hoffman, Rochelle Rubino, Kate Grant, Ally Bosley, Marcie Maffeo, Lori Barcikowski,
Zoom: Nancy Fowke, Wesley (student)

Welcome/Opening remarks: Kate G

Approve December PTO meeting minutes: Kate G

Minutes were reviewed and accepted

- ☐  2023-12-11 minutes

Budget Report: Ally B

- ☐  2024-02-12 financial report.pdf
- ☐ Families were generous with donations towards the Stock the Staff Room monetary donations. Leftover money will be used to purchase more special treats/items for staff and staff room.
- ☐ Matching funds and grants have come in - two workplace matching gifts have come in. Thank you!
- ☐ Charleston wrap (\$429) , apparel (\$92), and Mandarin's (\$375) profit checks were received.
- ☐ We've spent 1/3 of our enrichment budget for the year with 2 more enrichment programs planned in March and June.
- ☐ We've spent about 50% of our budgeted after school library hours.
- ☐ Looking ahead - we brought in a lower amount on a number of our fundraisers this year, but a few things brought in higher profits. It'll be close to break even on our budget this year, and we will have to think through this when planning for next year. Dues have held steady and are almost at 100% of budget.

Enrichment: Aimee H

- ☐ Len Cabral (storyteller - folktales & legends from around the world, and original stories) - 3/28/24 - <http://www.lencabral.com/>
- ☐ Hagermania (Extreme Science) - 6/10/24 - <https://hagermania.com/extreme-science-school-assembly/>

Restaurant Nights: Kate McL

- ☐ February restaurant night - Capri - did not happen
- ☐ March restaurant night - Chipotle. Sat 3/2/24, 4-8pm

Fundraising:

- ☐ Parker at the Red Sox - 6/4/24 - tickets already sold. Will get more info on profit/check after the event.

Community Events:

- ☐ Spring family fun night
- ☐ Earth Day plans
 - ☐ 4 square (Aimee H) - will check in with Nancy - coincide with open house or Earth Day - 4/26
- ☐ 8th grade celebration planning (Marcie M)
 - ☐ Looking at going off campus for the celebration
 - ☐ \$3000 budgeted, going off campus would cost families
 - ☐ Kimball - booked through June 17 unless we go before Memorial Day
 - ☐ Tentatively scheduled for June 11/12
 - ☐ Canobie - available - would cost \$25/student
 - ☐ 163 students, 17 staff/chaperones
 - ☐ Mrs. Rubino needs to fill out a field trip form to schedule it with a nurse, and get approval
 - ☐ Update: notes from last year were reviewed and it was determined that PTO would no longer be planning and hosting an 8th grade celebration, but would instead fund \$3000 towards whatever the school plans. Our 8th grade committee will decorate for the dance instead.

Hospitality: Kristen G & Lori B

- ☐ Winter staff room snack restock - 2/9/24
 - ☐ Thank you parents for support and generosity for donations
 - ☐ Hot cocoa bar on F 2/16
 - ☐ Coffees still getting stocked up
 - ☐ Staff very appreciative
- ☐ Start planning for staff appreciation dates

Principal Review: Rochelle R

- ☐ Playing for Parker 3v3 bball tourney, scheduled for 3/13
- ☐ All participants have to donate a canned good, is PTO fundraiser
- ☐ Pilot parent conferences for next year
 - ☐ Survey coming home about structure and format
 - ☐ Coolidge is also piloting it next year
- ☐ Looking at a new bell schedule
 - ☐ School plan looking to get more time on learning
 - ☐ Looking at advisory one day a week, homeroom will be 6 minutes, no more extended hr
 - ☐ 52 minutes for class periods instead of 48 minutes
 - ☐ Executive functioning programming will be imbedded into classes throughout the day
 - ☐ An email will come out re parent conferences and bell schedule for next year
- ☐ Received a grant through DESE for MyCap - my college prep - ties in with high school innovation career pathways
 - ☐ Staff looking at how course electives will be expanded and reimagined for 6, 7 & 8
 - ☐ Tie in with environmental club, Parker News etc - tie in with HS programs

Final Remarks

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024