

January 2022 General PTO Virtual Meeting

Attendance: L. Kerrigan, A. Porter, K. Rengel, L. Buchanan, K. Drennan, H. Goff, A. Todd, A. Kahn, Dr. Wuch, S. Berger, K. Keller, MJ Condon, E. Reeves, A. Bailey, A. Todd, L. Hofer, L Hendrickson, L. Parker, A. Willis, K. Cole, K. Miller, J Gates , S. Benedum, J. Bartels, L. Brown, S Doggendorf, A. Tierney

November Meeting Minutes Approved

Mrs. Susan Berger as well as Mrs. Hendrickson speak on behalf of 2nd grade and share their upcoming curriculum. Cursive handwriting is coming up, as well as opinion writing, graphing in math and world cultures which comes from a new social studies curriculum. Working hard to adjust day to day as attendance ebbs and flows in connection with the current school environment.

School Board members Allen Todd and Alex Kahn join to announce their candidacy for the next term. Alex is running for Board and is an incumbent; “call him dedicated”! Passionate as a 2nd grade (ERS) parent and really finds it important to support students, staff. Believes that enabling academic excellence as well as education is a critical part of helping with the school board. kahnforwebster.org

Allen Todd, on board for 1 year as part of a special election. Works for what is in the best interest of our kids. Health Literacy Media (non-profit) career. Heavy public policy background. allentodd.org

Committee Updates: (Lori) Thanks to everyone for your volunteer efforts lately!

- Talent show canceled due to covid restrictions. Enrichment program is also canceled due to lack of chair interest. ACTION ITEM: Change calendar to remove/cross off?
- Watch out for Cosmic Skate at Webster Rec Center! Scheduled for February 13 from 3-5. Selling \$12 tickets via Square. Pay to skate and every skater will need a chaperone. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Volunteers needed!
- KDG Info Night will be held on February 9th at 6pm. Could be in person or virtual: TBD
- **Equity-** One Book, One School Initiative: Novel Neighbor is keeping the online order form open until the day of the event. Accompanying the books, there will be a discussion packet distributed at school. Family Reading Night, a culmination of both books. Working to host a pizza Dine Out Night as well. Working on sharing a video of people participating. This will reflect the theme of the books, which is even though the children are separate, they share the same goal. Thanks to Mrs. Berger who is the chair of this endeavor. More details to follow as the event gets closer.

- Dine Out Nights: Minted raised \$210! January 24th will be Joe Boccardi's: look for flyers and socials posts next week. 20% of all orders dine in or carry out. Be sure to mention ERS or bring the flyer! February will be Amy's Cake Pop Shop with details to follow.
- Heather: PTO Coffees to return in March. Parent/Teacher Conferences March 1-4, meal provided TBD. Cinnamon Rolls coming back also in March. So many upcoming events to look forward to! Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates as well as the PTO Calendar to make plans.
- Night at the Ballpark: Music Makers (60 students typically) and Ms. Kissick get an opportunity to sing on the field at a Cardinals game! The group gets seniority and this year it will be Thursday, April 28th. 400 tickets to sell at \$15 per ticket. Open to the whole community. Practices are still TBD as covid restrictions limit rehearsals.

Treasurer's Report: COH : \$33,045.61 as of January 6, 2022. A quick overview of the recent fundraisers and a quick overview of the anticipated expenses for the remainder of the school year. Payouts issued to school as a result of Penny Drive and Book Fair. These funds (over \$1000 per specials teacher) go into their school accounts for spending at their discretion. Would love info on how they spend this- parents love to see the end result.

Suggestion to do Carnival Night or Casino Night : these events can be run by an outside company. Kaylyn to advise the contact info, potential to put on next year's calendar.

Principal Update: 5 new students in every grade but 2nd at the beginning of this semester. Thanks for sending kids with well-fitting masks as well as being mindful of symptoms. More than 50 out due to covid for virtual learning. It is overwhelming trying to manage everyone's needs. No mass gatherings indoors.

Update on outdoor learning/eating space: Dr. Wuch applied for 2 grants but there's no news on that end. No grants have officially been awarded. Suggestion to share rendering to community. ACTION ITEM: Agenda for February meeting addition: talk many things re: outdoor space (include Jennifer Gates)

Shout out to the drop off aides- perhaps we should acknowledge that with a coffee or treat of some sort! ACTION ITEM Starbucks run?

Spring Book Fair: in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences. Jennifer Gates has agreed to chair.

Amber Bailey would like to take over as Treasurer! Will plan to speak with her more in-depth next meeting/month.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 3rd.

Zoom continued to allow for ad hoc questions of the gentleman running for School Board.