

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2018 at 6:00pm (due to School Board Meeting)

Location: Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge

Attendance: 12 teachers, 8 parents

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 6:05pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** – Lisa DeVita – Welcome and thank you to all, especially all of our teachers in attendance! Thanks to everyone who helped me the last two years. I couldn't of done it without everyone's help. I am happy with everything we have accomplished. I look forward to helping you all next year.
- b. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak – open positions remain: Treasurer, Secretary, Dance – 2nd chair has been filled: Jen Brenza – thank you! New Board members for 2018-2019 are as follows: President – Kristen Hemingray, Vice President – Deb Polesiak, Secretary – Molly Walsh, Treasurer – Jessica Condron. Officially vote them in – leave room – all in favor – VOTE and approved. Welcome!
- c. **Treasurer**– Jeanine Franciscus presented the Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement) Please note that Dance payments will still come in until June. See bank account balance as requested – as of April 30, 2018: \$40,544.42.
- d. **Secretary** – Jennifer Chaparro – April meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Jessica Condron, Molly Walsh

3. Committee Reports

- **100th Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – no report.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Carrie DelRosso – Jessica – Done, thank you. Thanks to Mr. Row and Katie Lascola for their generous donation from karate and yoga programs.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – ongoing.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – BOGO sale earn Scholastic Dollars, will also fill teacher wish lists.
- **Dance:** Erica Dudash, Peggy Jafaar, Melissa Metz, Monica Sykes (registrar) – Great recital! All done and handing off to Melissa Metz for starting registration for next year.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Heather Deem, Stephanie Vespi – no report.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti?? – need to follow up on this project for an update. No update.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – done for the year.
- **Holiday Store:** Kristen Hemingray – new chair, shopping ongoing.

- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – orientation will be May 22. Kristen to arrange people to help with tours.
- **Nominating Committee:** Jennifer Chaparro – no report.
- **Pajama Drive:** Stephanie Vespi, Emily Aftanas or Jen Brenza – no report.
- **Printing Committee:** Mandy Roberts: makes copies of fliers for all PTO activities and distribute to teacher mailboxes.
- **School Pictures:** Krista Quinlan, Michelle Battaline – no report.
- **Student Directory:** Mary Landis and Michelle Battaline – has been distributed.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Heather Deem (Art to Remember), Jen Murphy, Rachele Bertucci (candy grams and hoagies) – no report.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation: Molly Walsh,** Jessica Meising, Missy McFadden – held May 7-11 everything was great! Thank you to all who helped!
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Paula Tomlinson, Allison Rocchini – no report.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Heather Deem, Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin – no report.
- **Yearbook:** Allison Ruchini, Krista Quinlan – looks great!! We made \$150, sold 183! If anyone still wants to order you can, but you will have to pay shipping.
- **6th Grade Graduation:** Adrienne Hoolahan, Lindsay Loughren – will be May 30, 2018, one last bake sale, final planning.
- **Family Fun day/night:** Lisa DeVita – plan events where families can get together out in the community for a dinner, activity, etc.

4. Principal's Report

- Thank you to the outgoing boards! Many great things added these last two years – some examples: outdoor lunch tables and umbrellas and the Gaga Pit which have both been very popular and loved by the kids!
- I appreciate the time and energy spent on teacher appreciation week especially during these uncertain times. Wonderful to support them with a beautiful spread of food, drinks, décor of the teacher's lounge, etc. Thank you Molly Walsh!
- Field Day moved to May 15 because of Primary elections, tried to move them out of the school, option of moving to Redeemer was denied.
- June 1 will be move-up day for the kids and we'll also have a carnival at school for something fun!
- Kindergarten orientation is May 22 – we have 43 children registered.
- 6th grade celebration is May 30
- Last day of school will be Monday, June 4; will have something fun planned for the kids.

- Budget discussion/voting at the School Board Meeting following this meeting: Voting on \$8 million bond – what is this for? Gym floor/sewage issue at 10th Street, carpeting at Verner, PA system at the high school, and more. There is a deficit of \$800k if they don't pass the bond that will save us \$300-400k which would get us half way out of the hole. Board has a tough job and is trying to benefit the school district. They are looking at cuts that include gym, art, music, guidance counselors, nurses, teachers (Mr. Harrison at the high school, Mrs. Morta at Verner, Mrs. Adler at 10th Street. Title One funds usually covers 2-3 teachers at most. There would be a decrease in personal music instruction, nurse, and add an aide because it will be cheaper. I personally think everyone should share this burden, not only the teachers, administrative staff should also be considered. Please attend the meetings and make your voices heard. If you cannot attend the meetings or want to send your thoughts privately, you can send an email.
- Paula Tomlinson – More kids will be coming in from Edgewater development, tax increase would help, once we cut these teachers they will never be able to get them back.

New Business

- Mr. Z followed up on Kristen H.'s idea of replacing the water fountain near the gym with a new one that has a bottle filler on it. Will be going in for next school year - \$800 cost.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Paula Tomlinson

Next Meeting: 2018/2019 School Year: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge.