

## **Tenth Street PTO**

Meeting Data: March 12, 2019 at 9:00 am

Location: Tenth Street Faculty Lounge

Attendance: approximately 8 parents, 1 teacher

Those in attendance: L. Loughren, H. Roupas, P. Jaafar, L. Sliben, J. Condrón, K. Hemingray, M. Walsh, M. Havran and Mr. Z

## **Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:**

### **1. Call to order: 9:01 am**

### **2. Officer's Reports**

- a. **President** – Kristen Hemingray –Welcome.
- b. **Treasurer**– Jessica Condrón- Current financials were presented. Motion to approve H. Roupas. It was seconded by P. Jaafar.
- c. **Vice President**- Deb Polesiak- Not present. No report.
- d. **Secretary** – Molly Walsh– February meeting minutes were circulated electronically and approved.

### **3. Committee Reports**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita- Planning continues to go well. Next meeting with parents is this Thursday.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condrón, Alicia Gerard, OPEN– The last painting class will take place this Wednesday. Outside the Box will be having two classes, broken up by age group, taking place on Mondays and two parent chaperone volunteers were secured. This will be the last week of Karate with Mr. Rowe. Pictures are needed of this class for the yearbook. If anyone has any, please send in. Yoga with Katie Lascola also started recently and is going well. It was once again mentioned that we are in need of a chair of this committee next year. If no one is located then we may have to suspend the program. Other than Yoga and Karate, which generously donate back to the PTO, the other program offered are a wash from an income standpoint.
- **Bingo:** Melissa Penkrot- Bingo will take place this Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. There will be plenty of prizes for the students. Pizza, snacks and beverages will be provided by the PTO. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will also be holding a bake sale to benefit their celebration in the spring.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jaafar, Kristen Hemingray – The last Book Fair was a success! More than \$500 was raised. Each child received

a free book equal or less than \$10.00. It worked well having Game Night going on simultaneously.

- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker- Winner of family nominated for Disney tickets will be announced at Bingo on Friday. We hope to have a raffle for remaining tickets and will also have tickets for the teacher and child who purchased books from book fair. We are still waiting to hear back from Lowe's grant to see if we were awarded for water fountains.
- **Game Night:** Tony Kingera- Game night was a wonderful event! We will definitely add this event to our calendar for next year.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita – Another competition has concluded. Not sure at this time how much income was raised.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:** Heather Roupas- Orientation will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The PTO will buy books for all incoming students. We also hope to have a PTO table for new parents.
- **Nominating Committee:** Jen Chaparro- Jen will be reaching out to see if you want to remain chair of your current committee or look for new chairs in the coming months.
- **Restaurant Night-** Dave Decker- The next date scheduled is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Chuck-E-Cheese.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Molly Walsh, Melissa Havarani- Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10. We have determined a theme (garden) and have also come up with items we will provide for the teachers for each day. We will be sending out a request for donations in late March/early April.
- **Yearbook:** Krista Quinlin, Allison Rocchini, Lindsay Loughren, Nicole Farkas, Kristen Hemingray– Cover contest flyer will be concluded on Friday. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have a separate yearbook this year once again. For all other students, personalized pages for yearbooks will be due in mid-April. We are still collecting pictures. Please send in!

#### 4. **Principal's Report** Mr. Z discussed the following items:

- Kindergarten screening took place recently. There were 48 students who participated.
- There were 379 participants for Donuts with Dad. Muffins with Mom will take place next Wednesday. Thank you to the PTO for providing coffee for the events.
- The last day of school this year will be Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The calendar for the next school year was recently approved and will be sent home with students this week.
- The budget was recently discussed at the Superintendent's Coffee meeting. We do not foresee any cuts to staff this year. The principle from Verner will be retiring after this school year. She will not be replaced by a new staff member, rather the current

administration will be shifting positions to accommodate. This will save the district approximately \$160,000 including benefits.

- There will be several renovation projects taking place this summer. Due to resurfacing and drainage issues be repaired, the playground will be closed a majority of the summer. There will be a rubberized surface added to the playground which will allow for less mud during the season transitions. The office will also be reconfigured and heating and cooling to be replaced. The new office set-up will be larger, more furniture in seating area and there will be a new window added to swipe visitors in and out. The nurse's room will be moved to the mailroom and students will be able to access this from the hallway rather than coming through the office. Beds will be moved to the back of the space to create more privacy. The fire alarm bell system windows/shades and carpeting will be replaced as well. The second floor will be painted as well as the auditorium. The gymnasium will be air-conditioned. Finally, the front steps will be replaced.

#### **5. New business**

- The PTO Cabinet needs to be cleaned out for it is getting very tight and we are in need of space.
- We are in the process of planning an Art/Earth Night. It will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Miss Bernard will display art that the students worked on all year. We are also thinking of doing a book swap, rock painting, and having ice cream. We had a vote to approve \$1,000 more for supplies for the evening. Currently, the budget is \$500.00. P. Jaafar made the motion to approve. It was seconded by Melissa Havarn. The vote was unanimous.
- We also discussed the gardens at the school. Recently, Heather Roupas organized a Girl Scout troop to do some planting. We are hoping that this could become more regular with local troops and community groups. It was also suggested to perhaps have vegetables added to the gardens that the kids could plant then make salads from as an activity. It was mentioned that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade work on plants as part of their curriculum. There are many possibilities for what can be done with these spaces and Heather is willing to organize. We discussed adding a budget to this committee. M. Walsh made a motion to approve \$500.00 and it was seconded by P. Jaafar.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – L. Sliben, M. Walsh @ 10:22 am

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge