

## **Tenth Street PTO**

Meeting Date: September 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Location: Tenth Street Faculty Lounge

Attendance: approximately 20 parents, 1 teacher

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

#### **1. Call to order: 6:33 pm**

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

- a. **President-** Welcome and Introductions.
- b. **Treasurer**– Jessica Condrón- Last year's financials were discussed at length. Current financials were presented. Motion to approve P. Tomlinson. It was seconded by S. Sullivan.

#### **3. Committee Reports**

- **After School Enrichment:** OPEN. Yoga and Karate classes will be available once again for students. There is still a need for a committee chair in order to do more. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please let us know.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Kristen Hemingray. 350 coupons were distributed at the beginning of the school year for the students. This committee is open for a new chairperson next year.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jaafar, Kristen Hemingray – The first book fair of the year will take place during Open House week. We will once again do a drive for books to be purchased and donated to Children's Hospital. Support for this effort is greatly appreciated.
- **Bulletin Board:** Heather Roupas. The bulletin is located by the cafeteria and is currently up to date.
- **Candy Gram:** Molly Walsh, Jen Brenza. Candy canes will be sold around the holidays for the students to exchange with peers or teachers. More information will come home in December.
- **Coffee and Kleenex:** Laurie Sliben. Went very well this year. Thanks Laurie! The cafeteria provided refreshments for the event.
- **Coke Gives:** Claire McCourt. We will receive nominal donations for caps turned in. The committee will enter in for reimbursement. These codes are available on all Coke products.
- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker. We will continue to pursue grants this school year. We will once again apply for the 20 Disney tickets.
- **Dance:** Jen Brenza, Jill Fleming, Monica Sykes. Dance is starting this week. If anyone is interested in getting their student involved and has not yet signed up, let us know.

- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Jen Murphy. Box tops are going digital this year! There is an app to download to your phone. Very user friendly. Your receipt from the grocery store can be scanned to retrieve purchase points. A flyer with directions will be going home this week with details for the first drive.
- **Holiday Store:** Kristen Hemingray, Peggy Jaafar, Amanada Allis. The dates for this year are a bit earlier than last- November 19-21. More details will follow closer to store.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:** Heather Roupas. Popsicles on the playground went very well this year. Thanks Heather!
- **Printing Committee:** Paula Tomlinson. Paula is taking over the committee this year. If you need anything printed, please email the item to Paula or leave in the copy folder in the office. Please allow for reasonable expectations for turnaround.
- **Relay for Life:** OPEN. If you are interested in starting a team for Tenth Street Elementary, please let us know.
- **Restaurant Night:** Dave Decker. Dates and flyer will be sent home soon with upcoming events.
- **School Board Liaison:** Paula Tomlinson. Paula will be attending the school board meetings throughout the year and will report back anything that is pertinent to the PTO.
- **School Pictures:** Krista Quinlan, Michele Battaline, Angela Davis, Bill Meli, Korie Klein. Pictures will be taking place in October this year. More information will be sent home with students.
- **Student Directory:** Rachel Machen, Tara Jo Pomatto-Morasczk. It has been proposed to move the directory to a digital format going forward. For this year, we will most likely have a hybrid option- both digital and have hard copies. Still working out details but hoping to have it out earlier this year.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Melissa Havran, Allison Rocchini, Leah Franczyk, Michelle Whiteman. This committee will be looking for help in the spring. The PTO board put together back-to-school “Be Kind” survival packs for the teachers and they were very thankful.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Paula Tomlinson, Amanda Allis. This committee gathers monetary donations from families for gifts for all staff around the holidays. We then purchase gift cards and cards signed by all families that gifted that particular staff member. Great way to gift teachers and staff without having to shop! Consider utilizing this year.
- **Yearbook:** Britney Massar, Courtney Witcher, Ally Oknak, Kristen Hemingray, Melissa Havran– Please be sure to share photos school events, parties, field trips, etc. with this group! Pre-order of the yearbook are now for sale for \$13.60 per issue.

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

- Mr. Z gave us a tour of all of the renovations completed or in final stages of completion from the summer. These projects included: all

carpeting in the school replaced; new windows throughout the school with ballistic film on each; the nurse's office was reconfigured; new entrance in the office with additional security; new stairs on the front of the school as well as railings; auditorium was completely repainted and new sound panels were added; the gymnasium was air conditioned; the playground is in the process of being completely resurfaced and new drainage was installed; new fire and panic system installed in each room.

- The YMCA has started a new after school program at Tenth Street. Nice additional option for parents and students after school.
- The school is piloting a new math program at the beginning of the year- Ready Math. In the spring, we will pilot another.
- Grandparent's Breakfast was a great success. We had 407 attendees.
- Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the Jump for Jill assembly last week.
- Meet the Teacher night went very well.
- PSSA results will be sent home this week to parents.
- Verner had a gas leak at school today. The teachers came to Tenth Street for the day.
- There will be Principle's Coffee on 9/24 at 8:25.
- Open House will be on 10/17.

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

- Water Fountain Filling Stations: Installation costs were quoted a bit higher than anticipated. We voted to increase amount needed to install to a reasonable amount within Mr. Z's discretion. Motion: E. Aftanas. 2<sup>nd</sup>- B. Baxter. All in attendance were in favor.

#### **6. New business**

- Benches: We voted to approve the purchase of 2 or 3 more benches for the lobby up to \$1,000. Motion was made by E. Aftanas. 2<sup>nd</sup>- S. Sullivan. All in attendance were in favor.
- Shirt for students: The PTO Board shared design options for tshirts we will be providing for each student. We voted to increase budget for the purchase of shirts to \$5,000. Motion was made by S. Sullivan. 2<sup>nd</sup>- D. Polesiak.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – E. Aftanas, P. Tomlinson

**Next Meeting:** October 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm