

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge

Attendance: about 15 parents, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Favo

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 6:31pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** – Lisa DeVita – Welcome to all parents and teachers.
 - b. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak – no report.
 - c. **Treasurer**– Jeanine Franciscus presented Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement)
 - Question for Heather Deem on Art to Remember – is there a way to track the Art to Remember online orders/payments? Don't think so, but will investigate. It all comes through in the end, but it would be nice to track the online orders/payments as well.
- Motion to approve: Heather Deem and Jessica Condron
- d. **Secretary** – Jennifer Chaparro – September meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Paula Tomlinson and Kristen Hemingray

3. Committee Reports – reviewed/confirm chair people as we went through these. Also, Kristen H. reminded everyone about the Teacher Favorite's book available in the office.

- **100th Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – no report.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Carrie DelRosso – Jessica - Yoga is Tuesday and Thursdays, Karate, Monday's will be Mad Science. Yoga going very well - \$2,040 came in and Katie Lascola donates half of that to the PTO – thank you! Mad Science going well and will probably be offered again in the Spring since there were some that were not able to get in this Fall. Could do the Art program again, but would need to work out having it in the Art room and not in the teacher's lounge again.
Carrie – working with some teachers Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Weleski to do a STEAM program that coincides with the high school's initiatives. Would probably run four weeks and be targeted to the K-3rd graders. Would need to figure out pay rate for teachers involved. Hope to run it late this Fall still.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – ongoing.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – October 24-26 is the first one at Open House in the Auditorium. Teachers get \$50 to spend and will have a raffle as well.

- **Dance:** Erica Dudash, Peggy Jafaar, Melissa Metz, Monica Sykes (registrar), Wendy Wilton (costumes), and need to add someone for DVD/Flower chair – classes are going well.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Heather Deem, Stephanie Vespi – Order forms have gone home for the Holiday Greens and the Steel Cup coffee.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti or Heather Deem – need to follow up on this project for an update.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – collecting for November 1 and March 1 contests. Need volunteers to help clip and count for submission.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – will be held December 7 and 8.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – no report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – Most positions are filled. Will find additional volunteers from the at-large list as needed.
- **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 – Fall re-takes are November 1. Spring photos are March 8.
- **Student Directory:** Brigette Huffman and Michelle Battaline – have been distributed.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Heather Deem (Art to Remember), Jen Murphy, Rachele Bertucci (candy grams and hoagies) – open to any other fundraisers as well. No report.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Molly Walsh, Jessica Meising, Missy McFadden – Molly has some ideas from teacher appreciation she did at her pre-school. Will likely have something smaller in Fall, focus on a bigger event for Spring.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Kristen Hemingray, Allison Rocchini – forms will go home in November.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Heather Deem, Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin – flyer going home soon, lots of new items including flannel pajama bottoms, new hats for kids and adults, winter hats, magnets. Display will be out at Open House. Anyone is welcome to go to Embroidery from the Heart on the Blvd. to see items/sizes in person and order there as well – just let them know it's for the PTO order. Orders due November 1.
- **Yearbook:** Kristen Hemingray, Sarah Johnson – We have some extra yearbooks from last year available in the office for any teachers who would like one for their classroom. We will try to get some student sibling photos as well - we need your photos!
- **6th Grade Graduation:** Adrienne Hoolahan, Lindsay Loughren – will be held in May, planning is ongoing. Bake Sale is next week in front of school.

- **Family Fun day/night:** Jocelyn Weems – plan events where families can get together out in the community for a dinner, activity (bowling), movie, etc. on Monday days off or evenings during the week. First event is a Family Dine out at the Verona McDonald's next week. Still working on future events.

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

- Family dine out's are still a work-in-progress. The McDonald's one came about because they offer to do it and it's an easy fundraiser for us. Families don't even have to show a flyer or anything. We receive 35% of sales between 5-8pm. Feel free to go or not – not mandatory. Maybe do Fox's pizza or something else next time.
- Parent Portal for student records coming soon! It will be available online and in an app. The high school has been working through some issues and we wanted to make sure it was in good shape before releasing it to the Elementary school. Eventually everything will be available here, no actual report cards sent home unless requested. Same system as high school has so you can see multiple children even if in different schools. A letter will be going home soon to explain how to set it up.
- Open House is October 26 at 6-7:30pm, no school October 27.
- Halloween parties and parades will be Tuesday, October 31 at 1:45pm.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held November 6 – no school that day and the next, November 7 because of Election Day.
- November 11 will have a Veterans Day program – feel free to participate in this program, whether veterans are able to be present or not.
- 1st Grade Oakmont Country Club Field Trip is hosted by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. This year they have asked for a donation of \$200 – roughly \$2/child. It is a nice experience and the kids get a tour, a chance to golf, a snack, and take home (hat) item. All in favor of making this donation? Yes! Passed.

New Business

- Kristen Hemingray brought up an idea to doing the Holiday store ourselves rather than going through a vendor in the hopes of maybe getting better quality items. She, some other moms, and Mrs. Schenle were discussing this. Just a thought.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Angela Orbin @ 7:40pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14 at 9am (NOTE: morning meeting!) in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge