

## Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9am

Location: Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge

Attendance: about 7 parents and 2 teachers

### Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

#### 1. Call to order: 9:05am

#### 2. Officer's Reports

a. **President** – Lisa DeVita – Welcome to all. Please let friends know that there will be three openings on the Board for next school year: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Let's alert Krista Quinlan to start looking to fill those seats because there is no December meeting.

b. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak – not in attendance.

c. **Treasurer**– Jeanine Franciscus presented Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement)

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip question has come up: usually costs run about \$10/child, but Aviary is going to be \$14/child for a total of 42 children. Motion to approve – Heather Deem VOTE – approved.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale raised \$290
- Afterschool Art program will probably run again in Winter, Jessica Condron reported that the teacher will waive the \$200 fee for this next session.
- Scholastic Book Fair – more successful this year!
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation field trip paid for.
- Playground benches are fixed.

Motion to approve: Kristen Hemingray and Heather Deem

d. **Secretary** – Jennifer Chaparro – October meeting minutes for review. Question: let's check with Lois Vitti regarding the Garden Committee – Heather Deem had done in the past as well as Julie Burns. Confirm plans going forward. Motion to approve: Kristen Hemingray and Heather Roupas

#### 3. Committee Reports

- **100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration**: Lisa Volpe – no report. Mr. Z mentioned we are on day 58 so this is coming up soon.
- **After School Enrichment**: Jessica Condron, Carrie DelRosso – Jessica – Yoga, Karate very successful. Art to be held in winter. We will need volunteers to help, flyer will be sent home.
- **Birthday Recognition**: Heather Deem – ongoing.
- **Book Fair**: Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – \$50 will go to each teacher for their classroom library. Also donated extra yearbooks to classrooms.

- **Dance:** Erica Dudash, Peggy Jafaar, Melissa Metz, Monica Sykes (registrar), Wendy Wilton (costumes), and need to add someone for DVD/Flower chair – need to confirm that dance monitors do not need clearances. New money collection box in the office is going well.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Heather Deem, Stephanie Vespi – Greens and coffee fundraisers were very successful! Greens - \$457 made and Coffee - \$768 (we got 50% back!) Coffee available for pick up November 16 and Greens November 20. Need some volunteers to help distribute.
- **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 – Mrs. Spenik's class won the recent contest! They each got \$5 to Mystery Lover's Bookshop.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – will be held December 7 and 8. Need volunteers to help those days.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – no report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – Need to start looking for people interested in the Board positions.
- **Pajama Drive:** Stephanie Vespi, Emily Aftanas or Jen Brenza – Set up tree in the front for collection FYI – Target has BOGO pajamas around this time of year. All pajamas stay in the local area. All sizes are needed. Due December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Printing Committee:** Mandy Roberts: makes copies of fliers for all PTO activities and distribute to teacher mailboxes.
- **School Pictures:** Krista Quinlan, Michelle Battaline – very few younger kids had re-takes done, mostly 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Went smoothly and quickly. Spring photos in March as a fundraiser.
- **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 – Fall went really well. Thanks to Molly!
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Kristen Hemingray, Allison Rocchini – forms are due December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Heather Deem, Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin – total sold \$1,267!! 20% is \$253.40, but Terri at Embroidery from the Heart had some additional sales in the store so we don't have a final total yet. Will update soon.
- **Yearbook:** Kristen Hemingray, Sarah Johnson – using Tree Ring this year. Will look at the retakes and then decide to switch over from Lifetouch.

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** Adrienne Hoolahan, Lindsay Loughren – will be held in May, planning is ongoing. Bake Sale was a success!
- **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. No report.

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

- The McDonald's dine-out was poorly attended but we still made \$250 so not bad.
- Parent-Teacher conferences went well. Moving elections being discussed with the Borough of Elections to move to Redeemer. Will decide by December 15 but people don't want to change it it seems. Mr. Z would rather not have it at school. We do have a police officer at the school.
- Veterans Day celebration went well – about 40 people were in attendance. Bethany Baxter mentioned that she really liked that the kids' name was on screen with their family's veteran. Thank you.
- KD Turkey Fund – collecting money during the week and PNC will match what we raise.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> will have an author coming via video conference to Tenth Street who is also visiting The Ellis School. Kids will be able to interact.
- Online grade book has not been communicating with the report card entries. They are working on the issue. Some issues with the App (E-School Plus) as well. The hard copy report card that you will receive is not great, kind of confusing, but we will be revising this. Tenth Street Tidbits will also be emailed soon via the School Messenger along with other alerts like delays, etc.
- January – we will be having a “switch day” for teachers of the same grade at Tenth Street with Verner.

**New Business**

- Idea for indoor recess during winter – Gaga Ball Pit. Prices range from \$3500-\$5000. Kids have been asking about getting one. Some are permanent and some can be put up and taken down as needed. Would that be an issue for custodial staff to do in the gym? Would we have to have someone else assigned to this task? Kristen Hemingray willing to look into it further and research other schools that have used it successfully. VOTE – to approve looking into it at a not-to-exceed cost of \$5000 for indoor use only. Would need to accommodate about 25 students at a time. Approved. Lisa DeVita and Laurie Sliben.
- Lisa DeVita spoke about the Hower Foundation being the beneficiary for the Candy Gram fundraiser for December 22.

- Heather Roupas mentioned that the Riverside Community Church could help clean up the Four Square on the playground as part of their Serve the Burgh effort.
- Heather Deem met with Dr. Dinnino about putting up positive art, words, phrases in the restrooms at the high school. She was very positive and excited about it. If it goes well for the high school, could also do it at the elementary level. Similar to the artwork done for the PA Turnpike. This could also be a part of the Give Back Day to get high school students to help with it and could get service hours. Would need a custodial staff contact as well.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – Molly Walsh

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge