

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: November 15, 2016 at 1:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Library

Attendance: about 10 people

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 1:32pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. President – Welcome by Lisa DeVita - thank you for coming.
- b. Treasurer– Jeanine Franciscus Presented Two Treasurer Reports
 - Scholastic Book Fair was a success.
 - Directory sold well and Spirit wear pre-orders as well.
 - After School Programs – refunds were given for Snapology class that had to be canceled.
 - Spring Assembly has been paid for.
 - Teacher Appreciation monies to go into account soon.
- c. Vice President – Laurie Sliben – Mr. Ro offering to another self defense class. More information to come.
- d. Secretary – Approval of October meeting minutes – motion to approve: Kristin Lio – 1st and Amy McElligott – 2nd.

3. Committee Reports

- **100th Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – no report.
- **After School Enrichment:** Amanda Betler – no report.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – ongoing.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Wendy Wilton, Monica Sykes – went well, Teacher wish lists went well, made more this year!
- **Coke Rewards:** Lisa DeVita – ongoing, check should be sent out.
- **Dance:** Carrie Longstreth, Peggy Jafaar, Monica Sykes – Dance classes are going well.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Emily Aftanas, Erika Lavarse – Fresh Greens produced \$1,300.00 in sales. Winter hats \$500, and umbrellas \$720. All great!
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti – no report.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – Mrs. Simons class won. They will get coupons to use at the Santa Shop. We should get a check for \$426.90 soon. That is over 4,000 box tops! Plus we had over 1,000 that were expired that could not be sent in. Please send them in anytime and don't wait because they do have expiration dates.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – will be held Dec 8-10, 2016.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – no report.

- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – all positions full.
- **School Pictures:** Heather Deem, Kristin Lio, Gina Baldwin – no report.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Rachele Bertucci, Erica Hower – Art to Remember.
- **Student Directory:** Brigette Huffman – sales were very successful – all SOLD OUT! More have been ordered.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Carrie DelRosso, Kristen Hemingray – Excellent job on the luncheon. Thanks to Jennifer Pietragallo as well. And to Paula Tomlinson for helping to break down. Next year we need more to-go containers for leftovers.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Kristen Hemingray – forms going home soon. Due back Dec. 5.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Paula Tomlinson and Emily Aftanas – no report.
- **Yearbook:** Emily Aftanas, Paula Tomlinson, Jessica Condron (sp?) – no report.
- **6th Grade Graduation:** Kristin Lio, Carrie Longstreth – need to discuss timing with Mr. Z.
- **Special Persons Breakfast:** Stephanie Vespi, Meg Saunders – will be done in the Spring.

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

- Halloween parties went well – no take home items were allowed and things went smoothly with the changes per the Wellness Committee.
- Teacher Appreciation luncheon was wonderful – thank you!
- Parent-Teacher conferences were held and went well.
- Veterans Day ceremony was great. 65 pictures of veterans were sent in and 30 attended the breakfast. It was well received. Kindergarten did a banner and 6th band was nice as well.
- Talent Show became a bit of a headache this year. The practice is today and show will be Friday.
- School District hired a new Director of Special Education and Student Achievement – Christine Monroe.
- January Give Back Day will be Friday before MLK Day. It will be a local way to give back to our community per grade level.
- Assemblies coming up: Monday – Super Hero, later Fables, Magic Math, and Band show with Mr. Libell.
- Reminder there is no December PTO meeting. Happy Holidays!

5. **New Business**

- Starting a Tenth Street Facebook page has been discussed. Lisa DeVita does not want to have one because it becomes a headache to police, manage, etc. Verner Elementary does have one. Better to put information on school's PTO section of the website. It was

discussed that there could be an Oakmont one managed independently, but there needs to be consistency across the district. Really, this should come from the School District (FB page) not individual schools. Carrie DelRosso reports that the school district website is being updated and we need to have a social media presence as a whole, not separately by school.

- Laurie Sliben – High School Jazz band has signs and fliers to be sent home for their upcoming show.
- Pajama Drive – Wendy Wilton will be managing again. Look for flier to be sent home after Thanksgiving.
- Red Cross Hurricane Relief day not so successful – only brought in \$521, but think it was not good timing. Discuss doing it differently or another charity drive next year more in line with Thanksgiving – food bank, etc. similar to the Turkey Fund from years past.
- Candy Grams will be done again this year – Rachele Bertucci
- After School Enrichment – Jessica Condron (sp?) Snapology went well, despite one class needing to be canceled. Lingua Stars Spanish went well, needed two days! Maybe French for Spring and possibly consider separating grade levels a bit more so that the curriculum is not too young for the older kids, gearing towards Kindergarteners. Mad Science – good program, but same day as orchestra practice so bad timing for some kids. Yoga, Karate, and Girls on the Run, and possibly Paint Monkey for the Spring. Paint Monkey need to figure out cost – teacher costs \$300 + per student price. Maybe PTO pays the teacher's fee so that is not passed along to the parents making it a more expensive program?

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Kristin Lio

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm in Tenth Street Library