

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge

Attendance: about 9 parents, no teachers

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

*****Speakers from Food Service, Tracy and Stacy, discussed wellness policy and associated changes to menu, food options, etc. *****

1. Call to order: 6:49pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** – Lisa DeVita – Welcome to all. Thank you to all parents who contributed to PTO sponsored event since last meeting – Holiday Store, Pajama Collection, Teacher Holiday Gifts, and Fundraising. BINGO will be Friday, February 2 at 6:30pm-8pm in the cafeteria. Will need volunteers and prizes. Emily Aftanas will volunteer to get prizes. Kristen Hemingray has Scholastic Book posters available too. Will have Fox's pizza and Turner's drinks. 6th grade bake sale – will need donations.
- b. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak – if you are in need of any volunteers for anything please let me know.
- c. **Treasurer**– Jeanine Franciscus presented Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement)
 - Holiday Store - \$428
 - Candy Grams (holiday) - \$340 will add this to the Winter/Spring ones to donated to the Hower Foundation.
 - Purchased the Gaga Pit \$4,800
Motion to approve: Molly Walsh, Kristen Hemingray
- d. **Secretary** – Jennifer Chaparro – November meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Heather Deem and Emily Aftanas

3. Committee Reports

- **100th Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – will be January 30, working on details and will send a flyer home soon.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Carrie DelRosso – Jessica – Art: need fingerprint clearance for teacher, so a little hold up on timing. Mr. Z to follow up with Miss Nancy. Will wait to send home flyer for now, may start later than February 7; will use art room this time. Yoga will run again in February and April for four-week sessions each. Mad Science – March 13 – April 7, four weeks, need parent chaperones for this program. Karate – Mr. Ro managing, second session ran, \$495 brought in, donated \$148. STEM program – Carrie managing, waiting on robots now. Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Weleski to participate.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – ongoing.

- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – coming up in February – every kids gets one free book up to \$7.
- **Dance:** Erica Dudash, Peggy Jafaar, Melissa Metz, Monica Sykes (registrar), Wendy Wilton (costumes) – 3rd payments are due.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Heather Deem, Stephanie Vespi – \$340 from candy grams, will go to Erica Hower Foundation.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti?? – need to follow up on this project for an update
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – \$474 check received. Next date to submit is March 1.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – \$428 profit. Kristen H. brought up discussion of how to run next year: possibly doing inventory ourselves rather than through a vendor?? More work but higher profit and better items parents receive. About 4,200 items sold this year. How would receipts work? Submit now or later? She would be OK with sitting on the receipts for a year. Need to factor in the wrapping/envelopes needed. Items would range from \$0.25-\$5. She brought examples of some of the items she's already bought at after-Christmas sales. Debra Polesiak – concern raised that it's a big undertaking on our own. Paula Tomlinson – said Saint Irenaeus did this with success. Jeanine F. – the funds for next year would need to be approved with the budget for next year. Doesn't have to be a big profit. Lisa – We can try it, but we cannot put the money up front. Kristen would get volunteers maybe from Key Club to help.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – no report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – Need to start looking for people interested in filling the three Board positions.
- **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 – Spring photos March 8, is a fundraiser. Sibling photos offered.
- **Student Directory:** Mary Landis (new) and Michelle Battaline – has been distributed.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Heather Deem (Art to Remember), Jen Murphy, Rachele Bertucci (candy grams and hoagies) – February candy grams for Valentine's. Art to Remember coming up. Blvd. Sweets for Easter Candy fundraiser.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Molly Walsh, Jessica Meising, Missy McFadden – will be May 7-11 for Spring
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Paula Tomlinson (new), Allison Rocchini – no report.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Heather Deem, Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin – profit \$264.

- **Yearbook:** Kristen Hemingray, Sarah Johnson – using Tree Ring this year. No report.
- **6th Grade Graduation:** Adrienne Hoolahan, Lindsay Loughren – will be held in May, planning is ongoing.
- **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. Lisa DeVita – Jan. 21 Fox's Pizza will donate 10% of profits that day to Tenth St. Will advertise on pizza boxes the week before, easy fundraiser.

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

- Thank you for the holiday gifts!
- Lockdown drill went OK, but will do it again and more frequently so kids don't get scared and understand it better. Situations like these are becoming more common so need to be efficient and safe in case of an emergency.
- Snow delays and cancellations have been annoying, sorry, but now we will have school on the Monday after Easter.
- Online grade books – teachers were not using it correctly and still working on the printed version to be better. Online working OK.
- Wellness report – 30 day squat challenge for kids and teacher, indoor recess happening, but outdoor recess starting to come back as clean up begins. Have been on a rotating schedule to use the gym for indoor recess time including the new Gaga Pit. It will be easily set up and taken down for use indoors and outdoors – thank you!
- Teacher Switch Day – not been met with enthusiasm. Only about six teachers participating.
- MLK Day coming up – with another day to honor community in May.

New Business

- Kristen H. and Peggy – could use more 6 foot folding tables to use for Book Fair, Holiday Store, etc. Mr. Z will check on this.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Jeanine F, Deb P.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge