

## **Tenth Street PTO**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge

Attendance: about 7 parents, no teachers, Mr. Z could not make it

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

#### **1. Call to order: 6:35pm**

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

- a. **President** – Lisa DeVita – Welcome to all. Mr. Z could not make it tonight because he coaches his son's basketball team tonight. 100<sup>th</sup> Day celebration went well. STEAM activity was fun for the kids, also had a healthy snack from the cafeteria. Bingo was a big success – 225 people in attendance! Lots of fun and posters as prizes were popular.
- b. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak – met with Krista Quinlan about open positions and the following are available if anyone is interested or knows someone who is:  
President – Kristen Hemingray  
Secretary and Treasurer – open  
100<sup>th</sup> Day – open  
Dance Third Chair – open  
Family Fun night – open  
Garden – open  
Nominating – open  
Teacher Holiday Gifts – open
- c. **Treasurer** – Jeanine Franciscus was absent, but she sent the Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement)
  - Question: line item that says "donation to other" for \$6,720 – not sure what this is for?? Will follow up with JeanineMotion to approve: Lisa DeVita, Deb Polesiak
- d. **Secretary** – Jennifer Chaparro – January meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Kristen Hemingray, Deb Polesiak

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

- **100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – all went well, kids had fun!
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Carrie DelRosso – Jessica – STEAM class started today – full class! Painting flier out. Mad Science starts April 11 for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Slime! Theme. Still need chaperone for after school. Yoga very successful! Younger kids had 31 in their class!! Could use a helper for that one. February session brought in \$820! Karate is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> session till March 8. Idea from Kristen Hemingray – maybe one of the family fun nights could be a paint night? Maybe use the same teacher, would have to have a limit on number of people, supplies, etc.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – ongoing.

- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – next one will be held on during Literacy Night! New this year will be the e-wallet option. Parents can put money online for kids to shop with and then don't have to send in cash or checks.
- **Dance:** Erica Dudash, Peggy Jafaar, Melissa Metz, Monica Sykes (registrar), Wendy Wilton (costumes) – going well, t-shirts are on sale, DVD – still the same guy this year. Lisa Volpe is the flower chair.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Heather Deem, Stephanie Vespi – no report.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti?? – need to follow up on this project for an update.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – Contest ending Friday for homerooms. Maybe get a cookie cake from the food service? March 1 next.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – Bed, Bath, and Beyond had some good items – please give me (Kristen Hemingray) any unwanted coupons. Thinking about using reusable bags for kids to bring home gifts. Possibly get them donated from a store?
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – no report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – working on filling open 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 and Michelle Battaline – has been distributed.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Heather Deem (Art to Remember), Jen Murphy, Rachele Bertucci (candy grams and hoagies) – Art to Remember coming up soon. Blvd. Sweets for Easter Candy fundraiser. Money will go to the Erica Hower Foundation.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Molly Walsh, Jessica Meising, Missy McFadden – will be May 7-11 for Spring and Molly will be looking for donations and send out via a Google doc.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Paula Tomlinson, Allison Rocchini – no report.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Heather Deem, Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin – no report.
- **Yearbook:** Kristen Hemingray, Sarah Johnson – using Tree Ring this year. It is about 80% done and will be selling for \$15, no extras available. Personalized pages will also be available.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** Adrienne Hoolahan, Lindsay Loughren – will be May 30, bake sale at Bingo Night brought in \$300!

- **Family Fun day/night:** OPEN – 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 – received \$100.

**4. Principal’s Report** Mr. Z joined us via phone and discussed the following items:

- Tenth St. Olympics! We are having an Olympic event each day and a closing ceremony next Friday. Kids have had fun with it!
- Literacy Night – Thursday, March 1, Book fair is the same night. Donations being accepted for basket raffle. Storyteller Tim Hartman will be here, has performed with the CLO, other arts organizations, will be performing in the auditorium. Author Robert Schneider will be here
- Valentine’s Day parties will be held from 2-3pm on Feb. 14
- President’s Day off next Monday and Tuesday (teacher work day)
- Kindergarten Registration – Screening March 6-7, May orientation
- We are on Twitter!
- Snow Day update – we will now have school on the Wednesday and Monday around Easter, will have off on Thursday and Friday instead.
- Need one more table with umbrella for the outside lunch area – VOTE to approve spending \$1451 on that item. Approved!
- Also need additional 6ft tables for events. Wayfair has a 30% off coupon for schools to use and often has the same type of items as the wholesale clubs. Looked up purchasing online or in-store at Sam’s Club – can get 5 or 6 for about \$350. VOTE to approve spending up to that amount on some new tables. Approved!

**New Business**

- Emily Aftanas: Online Gradebook – what is the expectation for posting grades? Specifically for 5<sup>th</sup> grade? Mr. Z – 24-48 hours. This the point of this type of system, so you can check on grades along the way, not only see them at the end.
- Jessica Condron offered to take over making copies for Mandy this week while she’s away.
- Gaga Pit has been very successful and going well.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – Deb Polesiak, Molly Walsh

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 9am in the Tenth Street Teacher’s Lounge. NOTE: MORNING MEETING – no one board members except Lisa are able to attend.