

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: March 7, 2017 at 1:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Staff Lounge

Attendance: about 14 parents, 4 teachers

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 1:40pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. President – Lisa DeVita absent, on vacation.
- b. Vice President – Laurie Sliben welcome to all.
 - Passed out budgets and minutes from last two meetings. Thank you for coming, especially teachers since this is a daytime meeting. Mrs. Caruso mentioned that this time is actually better because those that don't live close would not be able to come back to Oakmont for a 6pm meeting and 3:30pm would be worse. Please keep meetings half daytime and half evening.
 - Family BINGO Night has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm. It was discussed that they have a board for displaying numbers. Prizes can get costly and sometimes have a lot leftover and some children don't end up with a prize. Solution discussed of having a "small prize" table and a "big prize" table to alleviate this issue.
- c. Treasurer– Jeanine Franciscus Presented Treasurer Report.
 - Profit and Loss Statement for February for review. Motion to approve – Kristen Hemingray and Mary Beth Smith
 - Review Treasurer's Summary of where we stand financially as of 2-28-17. Opportunities for end of year purchases – please think on that and get back to us with any ideas. Kristen H. – Lost & Found organization rack of some kind? Mr. Z will check with Miss Nancy on this. Paula T. – would like to see things purchased for 6th graders who are on their way out of the Elementary school.
- d. Secretary – Jennifer Chaparro – January and February meeting minutes are available for review. Motion to approve:
January – Paula Tomlinson and Wendy Wilton
February – Mary Beth Smith and Jessica Condron

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

- Wellness Policy with Holiday parties has gone well and has made these celebrations much healthier. Thank you to all.
- Literacy Night was a big success! Thank you for the new teachers t-shirts.

- Kindergarten Registration going well – already have 50 children enrolled! Will definitely have three sections.
- Book Fair went well, thank you to all who helped with that.
- Mrs. Cicero will officially retire this summer. Position will be filled with a new teacher.
- Also hiring a Para-professional to work with special needs and academics. Position would be about five hours per day for about 27.5hrs/week. Please inquire within.
- CLO Assembly is March 14 – this is the PTO sponsored one and always excellent and well received. We will also invite Verner kids to attend. Thank you.
- Budget presentation for District has a long way to go. Specifically for Tenth Street, we want to bring in a Typing and Internet Safety program per grade level. Change science kits to move to more STEM-based projects. Adding Kindles for grades K-3 per classroom.
- Class placements for the 2017-2018 school year coming up and there will be a “Move Up” Day scheduled as well.

4. Committee Reports

- **100th Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – no report.
- **After School Enrichment:** Amanda Betler, Jessica Condron – Painting class starts tomorrow – we have 25 kids signed up! Girls on the Run also starting. If we need helpers for, check with the Key Club. Nothing else planned for this year.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – no report.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Wendy Wilton, Monica Sykes – Spring Book Fair was a success! \$500 in profit. Need to fulfill more teacher wish lists next time. Donating posters and books for Bingo Night.
- **Coke Rewards:** Lisa DeVita – no report.
- **Dance:** Carrie Longstreth, Peggy Jafaar, Monica Sykes – Dance classes are going well. Last payments are due now.
- **Fall/Spring Fundraisers:** Rachele Bertucci, Heather Deem, Erika Lavarse Possibly doing Valos candy sale for spring.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti – no report.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – ongoing.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – no report.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – May 16 at 9am is parent-child orientation.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – all positions full.
- **School Pictures:** Heather Deem, Kristin Lio, Gina Baldwin – spring pictures went well – raised some funds for school with this session.
- **Student Directory:** Brigitte Huffman – no report.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Carrie DelRosso, Kristen Hemingray – planning for the week with one nice lunch and other

special things on the other days during the week, maybe with a Super Hero theme.

- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Kristen Hemingray – no report.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Paula Tomlinson and Emily Aftanas – no report.
- **Yearbook:** Emily Aftanas, Paula Tomlinson, Jessica Condron – please continue to send in photos. Specifically need more 4th grade pictures. Jennifer Chaparro to get some Twin Boro Soccer photos.
- **6th Grade Graduation:** Kristin Lio, Carrie Longstreth – will be held May 31st, planning is ongoing. Yearbook is mostly done. Request for more funding has been made. Two bake sales will be going on to fundraise. Maybe we should budget per child, so it goes based on the number of kids per year. \$800 tends to go fast!
In regards to request for additional funds: Mr. Z would like to propose to pay \$4 per child per yearbook? 47 kids = \$188, almost \$200. Motion to approve? VOTE: approved!
Maybe we do this for all kids next year? \$5/kid off of the cost of their yearbook? Will consider.
- **Special Persons Breakfast:** Stephanie Vespi, Meg Saunders – Parents will pay for their breakfast.
- **Pajama Drive:** will be making this a committee starting next year. Need chair.

New Business

- Junior Achievement Day is Thursday, April 27th and we have paid for this in the past. Cost is \$1,800. Motion to approve? VOTE: approved!
- Will there be an end of the year Carnival? Yes, still working out the details.
- For next year, Committee Chairs really need to receive a form with information about their committee, history, what's expected, and what their budget is for each year. There needs to be a better hand-off from one chair to the next.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Paula Tomlinson and Mary Beth Smith

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Library