

## **Tenth Street PTO**

Meeting Date: April 11, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Staff Lounge

Attendance: about 8 parents, no teachers

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

#### **1. Call to order: 6:32pm**

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

- a. President – Lisa DeVita – Welcome. Thank you to all of those who contributed to the PTO Bingo Night – we had a great turnout!
- b. Vice President – Laurie Sliben – We will be sending out information to committee chairs requesting any information, feedback, budget, details, etc. to pass off to the new committee chairs for next year. Krista Quinlan will be looking to fill open positions.
- c. Treasurer– Jeanine Franciscus Presented Treasurer Report.
  - Emily Aftanas asked to confirm Yearbook payments and Heather Deem asked to confirm payments coming in for Art to Remember. Motion to approve: Emily Aftanas and Lindsay Loughren
- d. Secretary – Jennifer Chaparro – March meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Kristen Hemingray and Jessica Condron

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

- **100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – no report.
- **After School Enrichment:** Amanda Betler, Jessica Condron – no report.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – all teachers have their certificates and going well.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Wendy Wilton, Monica Sykes – Mr. Rowe's class won \$5 vouchers for each student for the next Book Fair which is in May.
- **Coke Rewards:** Lisa DeVita – no report.
- **Dance:** Carrie Longstreth, Peggy Jafaar, Monica Sykes – All is going well as we head towards recital week. Carrie needs approval for a few things for recital time – gift cards for student helpers and stage crew, cookies and pepperoni bread for janitors, pizza and soda and plates for dance chairs, Maria, and stage crew. Also filling out a check request form for a banner needed for dress rehearsal. Peggy Jafaar already filled out all of the facility forms for next year

so things are in motion for hand off since Carrie is done right after recital. There will be one open chair position.

- **Fall/Spring Fundraisers:** Rachele Bertucci, Heather Deem, Erika Lavarse – no report.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti – is she still planning on doing the raised beds? Heather Deems offered to help. Possibly the Girl Scouts too? Need to check with Lois.
- **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 18 at 9am is parent-child orientation.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – currently filling positions for next year.
- **School Pictures:** Heather Deem, Kristin Lio, Gina Baldwin – Heather Deem said all went well and Melissa Shontz is interested in doing the Spring Pictures instead of Lifetouch.
- **Student Directory:** Brigette Huffman – need to add second chair for next year since there is money involved.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Carrie DelRosso, Kristen Hemingray – Super Hero themed teacher appreciation week is second week of May – various things planned for students to partake in as well as lunches, snacks, etc. Some donations will be taken from parents. Flyer will be going home soon. This committee will have two positions open next year since both Kristen and Carrie are done.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Kristen Hemingray – no report.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Paula Tomlinson and Emily Aftanas – no report.
- **Yearbook:** Emily Aftanas, Paula Tomlinson, Jessica Condron – Submitted today! We received a discount of \$1.50/each. Early bird price good through April. Distribution date is end of May. Yearbooks ordered after May 1 are \$20 each. 2 open positions for this committee next year.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** Kristin Lio, Carrie Longstreth – will be held May 31<sup>st</sup>, planning is ongoing.
- **Special Persons Breakfast:** Stephanie Vespi, Meg Saunders – starts soon, one grade per week.
- **Pajama Drive:** will be making this a committee starting next year. Need chair.

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

- PSSA Testing – ELA done, Math/Science to come. Nice to have a two-week break around Easter/Spring Break doesn't always fall that way schedule wise.

- Surveys from staff, parents, and students are being reviewed and considered. Look for details in the May issue of Tenth Street Times.
- Junior Achievement Cancelled due to low number of parent volunteers – only received six people interested/willing to do it. Will get check refund.
- Special Person's Breakfasts begin tomorrow and will continue weekly.
- Tenth St recognized in Hershey in May for SWPBIS.
- STEAM initiatives coming next year – Makey Makey, Video Editing with iPads, Arts and Bots, Hummingbird robots, Glider Challenge, Slick Solution.
- Be There Campaign – Attendance challenge – missing only two days of school a month makes a student chronically absent, will get a Be There Buddy.
- Riverview School District Budget is ongoing for 2017-18. Right now the class sizes are as follows. Does not account for anyone returning forms that they are not returning next year.
  - Kindergarten – 51 – 3 teachers – 17 per room
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 47 – 3 teachers – 16 per room
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 42 – 2 teachers – 21 per room
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 42 – 2 teachers – 21 per room
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 41 – 2 teachers – 21 per room
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – 50 – 3 teachers – 17 per room
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 40 – 2 teachers – 20 per room

### **New Business**

- Brigitte Huffman asked about what was being discussed at the School Board meeting regarding budget deficit and wanting to make PE only one day per week and making a high school gym teacher and elementary teacher to save money via salary. Mr. Z said to make sure to realize that all of this is still being figured out and budget is still fluid. Stay informed, read agenda and meeting notes and attend if you can. It was noted that they have not been good about posting the agenda in a timely fashion and communication has not been good. People hear things via a grapevine without having all of the right information. There is a concern about the academic drop-off in 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade, but this is a national trend and likely more to do with other factors than class size, etc. Looking to add a Reading and Math specialist and cutting PE. Parents asked about where could we save money instead? This decision has not been made final yet.
- Kristen Hemingray asked about what we are looking to spend money on for new things next year. Maybe have a list together for the May meeting to get some ideas to the membership.
- Laurie Sliben noted that the Verner PTO has been raising money for their activities and it's going well.

- Mr. Z spoke about a special tribute to Mrs. Cicero and other retired teachers – special Art to Remember gallery with student's artwork.
- Secretary's Day is April 26<sup>th</sup> – special gift for Miss Nancy – PTO approved.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – Jessica Condron and Heather Deem

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Library