

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: September 12, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge

Attendance: about 25 parents, no teachers

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 6:32pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** – Lisa DeVita – Welcome. We need to vote Deb Polesiak in as our new Vice President. Anyone have any other nominations? No. She leaves the room and vote is passed. All in favor. Congratulations and thanks to Deb!
- b. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak is appointed. She will review Committee Chairs document and make sure we have every position covered. Introductions by board were made and all in attendance.
- c. **Treasurer**– Jeanine Franciscus presented Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement)
 - Special Person's Breakfast is not a PTO-sponsored event. Mr. Z spoke to this topic: this year we will be doing "Muffins with Mom" and "Donuts with Dad".
 - Kristen H. – Teacher holiday gifts – need to add \$50-75 to budget.
 - Dance DVD cost is \$30 and we make no profit and very poor quality this year. We should find a way to use high schooler to burn the DVDs using the technical team led by Mr. O'Malley. Should add a DVD chair to the Dance Committee team.Motion to approve: Paula Tomlinson and Laurie Sliben
- d. **Secretary** – Jennifer Chaparro – May meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Jessica Condron and Paula Tomlinson

3. Committee Reports – reviewed/confirm chair people as we went through these. Also, Kristen H. reminded everyone about the Teacher Favorite's book available in the office.

- **100th Day Celebration:** Lisa Volpe – no report.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Carrie DelRosso – Yoga is Tuesday and Thursdays, Karate, Monday will be Mad Science and we will also have a free assembly for the school with this next Tuesday. Carrie is working on a STEAM-based activity with the teachers.

- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – ongoing.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – October 24-26 is the first one at Open House. Spring and BOGO will be next. Let's decide now to change to receiving Scholastic dollars and getting half profits and half Scholastic dollars, then the final one we will take all Scholastic dollars in profit.
- **Dance:** Erica Dudash, Peggy Jafaar, Melissa Metz, Monica Sykes (registrar), Wendy Wilton (costumes), and need to add someone for DVD/Flower chair – classes have begun, payments coming in this Friday.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Heather Deem, Stephanie Vespi – Fundraisers are always optional. Possible Coffee fundraiser and holiday greens coming soon.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti or Heather Deem – need to follow up on this project for an update.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Debra Polesiak, Katie Lascola – collecting for November 1 and March 1 contests. Need volunteers to help clip and count for submission.
- **Holiday Store:** Lindsay Loughren, Erica Dudash, Adrienne Hoolahan – will be held December 7 and 8.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Amanda Allis, Kristy Thon – no report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Krista Quinlan – Most positions are filled. Will find additional volunteers from the at-large list as needed.
- **Pajama Drive:** (new) Stephanie Vespi, Emily Aftanas or Jen Brenza? - no report.
- **Printing Committee:** (new) Mandy Roberts: help to make copies of fliers for all PTO activities and distribute to teacher mailboxes.
- **School Pictures:** Krista Quinlan, Michelle Battaline – fall pictures were taken. Spring is the fundraiser, siblings welcome. March 8.
- **Student Directory:** Brigette Huffman and Michelle Battaline – will be distributed to all at no cost, being put together now and will be available soon.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Heather Deem (Art to Remember), Jen Murphy, Rachele Bertucci (candy grams and hoagies) – open to any other fundraisers as well. No report.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** (new chairs – thank you!) Molly Walsh, Jessica Meising, Missy McFadden – no report.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Kristen Hemingray, Allison Rocchini – Kristen explained how this works for the holiday.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Heather Deem, Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin – Teresa Stitt of Embroidery from the Heart does spirit wear and donates a % back to the PTO. Always available. You are welcome to visit the store on the boulevard.
- **Yearbook:** Kristen Hemingray, Sarah Johnson – We are going to use a new vendor this year (same as the 6th grade used last year)

but will still use the Lifetouch student and class pictures. No extra books are ordered so there is no loss of money. Will have an email address to be able to send pictures to – we need your photos!

- **6th Grade Graduation:** Adrienne Hoolahan, Lindsay Loughren – will be held in May, planning is ongoing, will be fundraising.
- **Family Fun day/night:** need a chair! – 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.

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

- We have 24 more children in our school than last year – total of 340 kids this year!
- Thanks to all who donated to Hurricane relief – we collected \$658.18 to the American Red Cross.
- Outdoor tables and umbrellas for outside lunch have been well received – kids love it!
- Tim Hartman will be the first assembly of the year. He's a storyteller and works with the Children's Museum and acts in the CLO.
- Wellness Committee will be meeting next week – all are welcome to attend.
- Tenth Street Tidbits will replace the old newsletter – a one-page of reminders and news that will eventually be done via text message.
- A new and improved student communication system will be coming soon. You will be able to look at grades, lunch accounts, and have notifications and news via email and text.
- Principal's Coffee will be held at the end of the nine weeks – all are welcome to attend.
- New benches all around! We received an extra bench from Verner. A Buddy Bench was donated by a teacher. Two benches near the gates are in need of repair.
- Thank you for your understanding while we have put in place new entry procedures and homework buddies at the front office.
- Please volunteer with our PTO even if you cannot regularly attend the meetings. We are able to provide so many wonderful things for our students because of all the hard work that the PTO does. Technology upgrades, playground equipment, etc. We have excellent parent and teacher involvement – please let us know if you have any questions.

New Business

- Lisa DeVita spoke about doing the Steel Cup Coffee fundraiser with Pam Billet. \$10/bag and we will get \$5 back for the PTO. Motion to approve: Laura Albright – approved for Fall.

- Two benches by the entry to the playground need to be repaired. Mr. Z provided an estimate for \$1,920. Motion to approve: Emily Aftanas – approved for Fall. Will be done in about a month.
- Lisa DeVita spoke of Erica Hower who passed away from brain cancer in January and has three children at Tenth Street. Her husband is starting a foundation and proceeds will benefit a Riverview High School scholarship. Every year two scholarships would be awarded to high school seniors. Should PTO make a donation? Kristen H. brought up the idea of donating the candy grams and hoagie sales we receive since this was a fundraiser that Erica always worked on. Agreed that we will do that for the Spring.
- Jeanine reminded everyone that she needs to receive a check request form for money needed.
- Question from Paula Tomlinson – Family dine out activity on the calendar but doesn't seem to be happening? Mr. Z said that there was a conflict. She noted that the communication system is still not up and running 16 days into the school year! Mr. Z noted that a parent portal will be coming soon, apologized for the delay, but want to make sure to release it when it's ready.
- Please note that Mandy Roberts is now in charge of making copies of all PTO-related fliers and getting them into teacher mailboxes. Please go through her and don't just do it yourself. Thanks.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Jocelyn Weems @ 7:49pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge