

## **Tenth Street PTO**

Meeting Date: January 15, 2019 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Faculty Lounge

Attendance: approximately 11 parents, 1 teacher

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

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

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

- a. **President** – Kristen Hemingray –Welcome.
- b. **Treasurer**– Jessica Condron- Presented current financials. We have received approximately \$21K in revenue last month. Donation costs out include the field trip to the Aviary (\$795.00), teacher holiday gifts (\$236.33) and teacher appreciation food during parent teacher conferences (\$270.44) all costs total \$1,399.27 in expenditures. Total balance on hand as of 12/31/18 is \$48,960.20. Motion to approve: Deb Polesiak and Jen Chaparro.
- c. **Vice President**- No report.
- d. **Secretary** – Molly Walsh – November meeting minutes were circulated electronically and approved.

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

- **100 Day Celebration:** Kristy Thon. Event is 10 days away. Mr. Z will contact Kristy Thon to discuss.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Alicia Gerard, OPEN– Mr. Rowe donated \$372.00 to the PTO following his last karate session. Truthful Art class had 26 students in the fall class. We are also having a winter session that will begin in the coming months. Students that were not able to attend the fall session due to it being full will be the first to register for the winter class if still interested. Katie Lascola will be back to teach a Yoga class. Dates and classes are still be determined but should start sometime in late February. We are also doing a science program with Outside the Box. The committee is looking for a parent chaperone during session. The PTO will provide a “scholarship” to the student of the parent willing to volunteer. Information surrounding this will be coming out soon.
- **Art to Remember:** Heather Deem, Krista Quinlan - Art is completed. Order forms will be going home with students at the beginning of February. Products will be back in March sometime.

- **Bingo:** Melissa Penkrot- Bingo will be taking place on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Z will call the numbers. There will be pizza and beverages. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will also be holding a bake sale to benefit their celebration in the Spring. We voted to use unused holiday store inventory as bingo prizes. Motion to approve- Kristen Hemingray, Molly Walsh. Vote to approve: unanimous yes.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – The next Book Fair will take place 2/26-2/28.
- **Candy Grams:** Rachelle Bertucci- Sale went well this year. Proceeds will be going to the Erica Hower Foundation.
- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker- We have received the 20 tickets to Disney World. They are 1-day hopper passes and are good for 2 years with no major restrictions on dates. We discussed ways to distribute these such as a raffle, families nominating other families or an auction of some type. For some of these we would need to apply for a small game of chance license which Jessica Condron has begun looking into. Bridget also recently applied for a Lowe's grant to replace the remaining water fountains with water bottle filling stations. We should find out closer to May if we are awarded these grants and if we do not receive them the PTO will look into replacing them with our budget.
- **Game Night:** Tony Kingera- Game night will take place March 1<sup>st</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will also be holding a bake fair at this event. There is no time established yet but a flyer will be coming home in the coming weeks.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita – The first Box Top campaign did very well this year!
- **Holiday Store-** Kristen Hemingray, Peggy Jaafar, Amanda Allis. The Holiday Store was a great success this year. Everyone loved the inventory and we had several volunteer parents come help the students shop. Kristen has already begun restocking inventory for next year! The committee is accepting re-gift donations for next year's store as well.
- **Movie Night-** Leah Franczyk- The first movie night of the year took place in November and went very well! Lots of participation and a great time was had by all.
- **Pajama Drive-** Emily Aftanas, Jen Brenza. Numbers were up this year for pajamas and we were fortunate to be able to fill all needs. It was noted that most people donate small sizes but larger sizes were the ones that were in most need. It was suggested that perhaps an Amazon wish list could be set up and distributed so parents can go online and purchase the sizes that are needed.
- **Restaurant Night-** Dave Decker- We are having our restaurant night at the Pub 333 tomorrow night. Times will be 5:00-10:00. Facebook events have been created to market event and it was suggested possibly having an event page for the PTO so these

events can be shared. We will research this more before deciding. We have had a couple more fundraisers take place since last meeting. We are hoping that next year we can have all nights schedule ahead of time and put on a master calendar to distribute, There will also be a night at Chuck-E-Cheese coming up in March. Exact date is TBD.

- **Relay for Life:** OPEN- We are still looking for someone who may be interested in putting together a Tenth Street team for RFL. That person can determine how much or little participation is needed for event.
- **Student Directory:** Michelle Battaline, Krista Quinlin – It was tough to get together this year but it is currently with the printer and will be going out to students ASAP.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation-** Molly Walsh, Missy McFadden, Melissa Havran. Started planning for spring teacher appreciation week. Have chosen a theme and will be sending out requests for donations from parents once again this spring. We are also planning to provide the teachers with soap and Clorox wipes to get rid of “cooties” as a Valentine’s Day gift from the PTO. We also plan to provide light snacks and restock coffee in the lounge.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts-** Paula Tomlinson, Amanda Allis. Went very well this year. There were a few extra gift cards that were purchased and not used that were donated to be used for Teacher Appreciation.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Angela Orbin, Wendy Hudack- Sale went very well this year. There were \$846 in total sales and Embroidery by the Heart donated 20% back to the PTO totaling \$164.40.
- **Yearbook:** Krista Quinlin, Allison Rocchini, Lindsay Loughren, Nicole Farkas, Kristen Hemingray– Send in pictures!!

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

- Thank you for the holiday store! Mr. Z. received many compliments.
- Also, thanks for the teacher and staff gift cards—this is unique for a PTO to provide for staff and it is greatly appreciated.
- There will be a planning day on Friday for Give Back Day which will take place in May.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks end on Monday. Report cards will be available online on 1/23.
- Principles coffee will take place on 1/23 at 9:00 am.
- The teachers contract was recently reached and seems fair for both sides. The term is five years. It is looking like there will be no personnel cuts.

#### 5. **Unfinished business**

- The 5 sets of Magnatiles for classrooms to use for indoor recess that were approved last meeting still need to be purchased.

- More folding tables may need to be purchased as well.

#### **6. New business**

- We voted to approve the purchase of seat sacks used to organize students belonging for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$500. Motion to approve- Kristen Hemingray and Deb Polesiak.
- We voted to approve a field trip for approximately 20 students in Special Education. Cost is \$300. Motion to approve- Kristen Hemingray and Deb Polesiak.
- Deb Polesiak has been researching benches to purchase for dance monitors to sit on. We voted to approve up to \$1000 or three benches. Motion to approve- Kristen Hemingray and Deb Polesiak.
- We discussed way the PTO can help with the district budget cuts. Three representatives from each district PTO recently met with Tammy Good, the Business Manager for the District. She provided ways that the PTOs could help offset some costs for items such as art supplies, field trip bussing, tissues, playground mulch, etc. The group discussed the different line items at length but are not yet ready to give a firm response.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – Jen Brenza, Molly Walsh @ 8:03pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 12th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge