

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: October 9, 2018 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Faculty Lounge

Attendance: approximately 9 parents, no teachers

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 6:32 pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** – Kristen Hemingray –PTO email blast is up and running. Please let Kristen know if you need your email to added to PTOTenthStreet@gmail.com. We are working on putting together committee chair folders which will include a facility use form, information for contacts, historical information that is pertinent to the event/committee, etc. It will also include a certificate to the book fair.
- b. **Treasurer**– Jessica Condron- Presented current financials. Current balance on hand is approximately \$50K. Motion to approve: Lisa Devita and Deb Polesiak
- c. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak. Update on Committee Chairs that are still needed: Relay For Life, School Board Liaison, Spring Fundraiser, and After School Enrichment. Please let her know if you have any interest in new or open positions.
- d. **Secretary** – Molly Walsh – September meeting minutes for review. We are looking into a new method for meeting minutes approval which would consist of distributing and posting before the meeting so they can be reviewed beforehand. Motion to approve: Lisa Devita and Jen Brenza.

3. Committee Reports

- **6th Grade Celebration:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita. The sixth grade class *does* want to do their own yearbook this once again. They recently had a planning meeting which was well-attended by parents of the sixth graders. A traditional graduation theme was decided upon. Ceremony will take place in the auditorium and the meal will be in the gymnasium.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Alicia Gerard, OPEN– We are looking for more help with this committee. Truthful Art is set-up for the fall and will go for 4 weeks. Cost is \$65.00 per student and will take place on Wednesdays. The theme is 4

Seasons. Class will hold 25 students max. Flyer is going to be sent home next week. Karate with Mr. Rowe started last week and is going well so far. This session will go through the beginning of November. The committee is looking to possibly add a drama class. Yoga is on hold for now but will be back on sometime after Katie Lascola recovers from her surgery.

- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – The first Book Fair is coming up on October 16-18. We will make a 55% profit on merchandise sold. It will also be open at the Open House on October 17th. We will have Teacher Wish Bins available for parents to buy books for classroom libraries. We will also be collecting books for Children's Hospital. We will have a book mark station set-up for students to make book marks for patients with words of encouragement. This activity will serve as some volunteer hours towards our Disney point of light requirements. We are also providing all committee chairs \$5 towards books as a way to say thank you for your time volunteering. This certificate can only be used by the parents and not students.
- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker- Bridget has been working very hard to research several grants we can apply for. Some of which we just recently missed the deadline for but can pursue in the future such as a Lowe's grant for new water bottle filling stations and American Girl Dolls. She and Kristen completed monthly submission for Magnetic Tiles. We are also looking into getting donations from the Harmar Target and just need a letter on letterhead. We are also looking into getting free Disney tickets. Initial steps have been taken and we are going to submit volunteer hours from the book fair for the required hours needed.
- **Dance:** Melissa Metz, Jen Brenza, OPEN- Everything with dance is moving along nicely. Costume measuring will take place next week. Enrollment for program is up from last year. Current total is 279.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita – Collection is going well. A lot were collected today. Our goal for this collection is \$500.00 if this is achieved all the students will get an extra 15 minutes of recess. Deadline is 10/20.
- **Movie Night-** Leah Franczyk- We recently conducted a survey on Facebook asking parents if they would be interested in a Parent's Night Out movie night and we had 37 who said they would be. The tentative date for this is 11/30 so that parents could use this night for holiday shopping or something else.
- **Restaurant Night-** Dave Decker- We had our first restaurant night at Chuck-E-Cheese. It was a fun night and we raised about \$200. We have several other days/nights coming up including: Mystery Lover's Bookstore on all day 11/3 and they will be donating 15% of

profit to the PTO; What's Cooking at Casey's on 11/12 (all day); Oakmont Tavern on 10/29 from 4:00-9:00.

- **School Pictures:** Krista Quinlan, Michelle Battaline, Nicole Farkas – Picture retakes will take place tomorrow.
- **Student Directory:** Michelle Battaline, Krista Quinlin – Still working out details of production. More details to follow.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Angela Orbin, Wendy Hudack – We will have a table at Open House this year to display spirit wear. We also have a change of a mascot. The district is now all Raiders. Forms will go home with students and will be due on 11/1 in order for items to be returned before the holidays. It was also brought up that there is interest in purchasing shirts for all students once again. We will look into this and figure out best options for when/how.
- **Yearbook:** Krista Quinlin, Allison Rocchini, Lindsay Loughren, Nicole Farkas, Kristen Hemingray– Pre-orders are available at a discounted rate. Please remember to share pictures with the group from field trips, class parties, etc.

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

- There was recently a water main break in the faculty parking lot. There were repairs made but the pipe that burst was 90 years old and will need to be replaced.
- Next year the school will be in need of several maintenance repairs such as new air conditioning in the gymnasium, new windows throughout the school, new concrete on the playground, updates to painting and carpet replacement. The cost will be \$700K+.
- The Oakmont Fire Department conducted a fire safety week assembly today for the students.
- Picture make-up will take place tomorrow. There will be no additional cost. Parents can choose the picture they would like to use for the yearbook from both taken.
- The school is looking into getting a Makers Space in the school library for the students. It will be produced by Davidson Inventionland. There is a meeting to view these displays on 10/16.
- Open House is scheduled for 10/17.
- The Halloween Parade will take place on 10/31 at 1:45 around the school.
- Parent Teacher conferences will be on 11/5.
- November 9th is Veteran's Day. We will have our annual assembly and will recognize all Vet's and family members of students.
- We will have Tenth Street's Got Talent once again this year on 11/16. Each student who is interested will have 2 minutes to display their talent for the school in an assembly.
- We will also have a turkey drive this year for the Pittsburgh Food Bank. There will be a flyer coming out with details.

- Tenth Street is also looking for a paraprofessional. If there is any interest, please see Mr. Zolkowski.

5. Unfinished business

- Two document cameras were purchased for Ms. Nese and Mrs. Walewski. Less cameras were needed than originally thought but both teachers were extremely grateful. \$614.78 was spent.

6. New business

- The PTO decided to look into refreshing our logo and inquired for help from parents with design experience. We had several fantastic options to choose from and we conducted an anonymous vote. Thank you to Jeff Barton and Carly Thomas for their submissions.
- The PTO board is looking into amending the bylaws. Hoping to make several small changes that include change to the approval of minutes, allowing the board to make small purchases (under \$250) in between meetings, etc. When these are completed we will share with the PTO for review and approval.
- The PTO is looking into doing something for Earth Week this year. If anyone has any suggestions of how we can get the students involved, please let Kristen know.
- We decided to look into indoor and outdoor recess equipment for the students. Deb Polesiak purchased several items such as balls, jump ropes, card games, etc. and broke them up by grade level. So far \$300 has been spent on these items and we are hoping to spend a bit more to provide more. Motion to approve \$500 in spending on these items was voted on. Motions to approve: Paula Tomlinson and Emily Aftanas
- Paula Tomlinson inquired on an update regarding the playground equipment. Mr. Zolkowski reported that there are currently two items that are being roped off and are not in use. The climbing wall which has a chip out of the corner. It is 15 years old but we are looking into the warranty for replacement. No decision has been made on other spinning playground item that is not in use. A decision should be made on this by November.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Jen Brenza, Deb Polesiak @ 7:47pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge