

## **Tenth Street PTO**

Meeting Date: September 11, 2018 at 6:30pm

Location: Tenth Street Library

Attendance: approximately 30 parents, no teachers

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

#### **1. Call to order: 6:31 pm**

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

- a. **President** – Kristen Hemingray – Welcome. Board Introductions. Parent introductions. Mr. Z was introduced as well. PTO email blast being set-up. Please submit emails to add to [PTOTenthStreet@gmail.com](mailto:PTOTenthStreet@gmail.com). Forms have also been sent home with students.
- b. **Treasurer**– Jeanine Franciscus presented Treasurer Report (Profit & Loss Statement) from last year. Motion to approve: Paula Tomlinson and Emily Aftanas
  - a. This year's financial report was presented by Kristen Hemingray on behalf of Jessica Condron. It was reported that last year we spent approximately \$3,000 more than we brought in. However, we still have a high balance in our operating account. We would like to spend approximately \$15,000 in the next year so the kids/parents who raised the money can benefit. PTO is looking for items to spend the money on to enrich our current students' education. Motion to approve: Heather Deems, Heather Roupas.
- c. **Vice President** – Deb Polesiak--. She is reviewing Committee Chairs document and will make sure we have every position covered. Please let her know if you have any interest in new or open positions.
- d. **Secretary** – Molly Walsh – May meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Stephanie Vespi and Melissa Perot.

#### **3. Committee Reports** – reviewed/confirm chair people as we went through these.

- **100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration:** Kristy Thon – not present- short explanation of event was given by Kristen Hemingray.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita. Date has been set for 5/31/19. An email will be sent out to establish a planning

meeting. The committee is planning on doing at least two bake sales before the weather gets cold.

- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Alicia Gergard, OPEN– We are looking for more help with this committee. Karate will begin in late September and go through early November. Program is available to students in second through sixth grades. Yoga is on hold for the fall with Katie Lascola having surgery in the next couple of weeks.
- **Birthday Recognition:** Heather Deem – all of the birthday certificates have been distributed to teachers. Thanks Heather! Students will be able to receive a sweet treat on their birthday.
- **Bingo:** Melissa Penkrot- she is planning on organizing a date in the coming months.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – October 16-18 is the first book fair. It will also be open at the Open House on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This committee is always looking for volunteers and help during the book fairs. We will make 50% profit and that will be used to build our library and classroom libraries. This year eWallet will also be available for parents to load money online for their children.
- **Bulletin Board:** OPEN position- we have been granted access to use the display case by the cafeteria. Anyone who is interested in decorating this space with PTO related information please let Deb or Jen know.
- **Candy Grams:** Rachele Bertucci- We raised \$600 last year and this money was donated to an outside organization. We are still undecided on whether or not we will do this again this year.
- **Coffee and Kleenex:** Laurie Silben- This event went very well this year and we had great attendance. Used the cafeteria to provide refreshments which went very well. Thanks Laurie!
- **Coke Gives:** Claire McCourt- Fundrasier back this year. We will get \$.05 for every cap turned in. Planning on sending home baggies to collect and send back to school.
- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker- New committee this year. Bridget is starting to research ideas. Disney tickets is an idea we would like to pursue. We could get up to 20 tickets for volunteer projects per year.
- **Dance:** Melissa Metz, Jen Brenza, OPEN- We are looking for one more volunteer to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> chair. Shoe swap took place last week. Went well and it raised \$50.00. Today was the first day of classes but they are still accepting enrollments. There was a small increase in enrollment fees and the number of students enrolled looks good.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Kristen Hemingray, Jessica Condron, Molly Walsh, Deb Polesiak – We just wrapped up the Pitt/Penn State fundraiser. Over \$2600 was raised!

- **Game Night-** Tony Kingera- looking into a date for this family night.
- **Garden Committee:** Lois Vitti- Lois is willing to head this committee but if there is anyone else interested in helping please let us know.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita – We are moving from class competitions to a school-wide competition. Flyer is going to be sent home with students soon. We will have a \$1,000 goal for the first collection. Deadline is 11/1 to turn in to General Mills. For students there will be a deadline to turn in around 10/20. We will be using a thermometer to keep track of box tops turned in. We are also thinking of collecting dimes as well this year for students who don't have many box tops at home.
- **Holiday Store:** Kristen Hemingray, Peggy Jafar, Amanda Allis– We will not be using a company this year. Kristen has been shopping to supply the store independently. No item this year will be over \$5.00 and will be of higher quality. Gift labels will be sent home this year for parents to fill out to cut out confusion during shopping. We are also looking for volunteers to help run the store the week of.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation:** Heather Roupas—Popsicles on the Playground went very well. Thanks Heather!
- **Nominating Committee:** Jennifer Chapparo – Still looking for some committee chairs. Please let Jen or Deb know if you are interested in heading or helping with a committee.
- **Painting Night-** Melissa Havarán, OPEN—Brainstorming ideas for this event. Thinking of having it in the Spring and using canvas rather than rocks.
- **Pajama Drive:** Emily Aftanas, Jen Brenza – last year was very successful. Over 100 sets donated. First sets were donated to students that the guidance counselor recommended. The rest went to the RCAC. All requests were able to be fulfilled.
- **Printing Committee:** Mandy Roberts- she is the main point of contact to help make copies of fliers for all PTO activities and distribute to teacher mailboxes.
- **Relay for Life-** OPEN- New Committee this year. Looking for a volunteer to put together a team through the PTO at Tenth Street.
- **Restaurant Night-** OPEN- We will be having our first restaurant night coming up at Chuck-E-Cheese. The restaurant will donate 20% of profit back to the school. Plan is to do one here in the fall and one in the spring.
- **School Board Liaison:** OPEN- New position that would attend school board meeting and report back to the PTO at meetings.
- **School Pictures:** Krista Quinlan, Michelle Battaline, Nicole Farkas – fall pictures were taken. Thanks!!

- **Spring Fundraisers-** Heather Deem, Krista Quinlin, OPEN- We will do Art to Remember once again this spring. Also, looking for another fundraiser to do in the spring and someone to head it.
- **Student Directory:** Michelle Battaline, Krista Quinlin – will be distributed to all at no cost, being put together now and will be available soon.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation:** Molly Walsh, Melissa Havran, Missy McFadden – To kick off the start of the school year, we provided teachers with a Welcome Back breakfast the day before school started. We also provided them with a school supply bar that included pens, pencils, dry-erase markers, Kleenex, etc. to help stock their classrooms for the school year. We plan on doing another small breakfast and provide snacks for the teachers in November on Parent Teacher conference day. We will then have our larger Teacher Appreciation week in May.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Paula Tomlinson, Amanda Allis – We will provide group gifts from students for the holidays. Information will go home with students containing details.
- **Tenth Street Clothing:** Wendy Hudack, Angela Orbin, Heather Deem – Preparing for sale this year. Items will be for sale/on display at Open House.
- **Yearbook:** Krista Quinlan, Nicole Farkas, Allison Rocchini, Lindsay Loughgren, Kristen Hemingray – We are going with the same company as last year-Treering. Hoping to have an extra section dedicated to sixth grade. Early orders are being taken now at a discounted rate.
- **Movie Night-** Leah Franzck- date and movie are being worked out.

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

- We have 341 students enrolled at Tenth Street this year and we are within 10 students of last year.
- The school acquired new staff from the high school a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and a guidance counselor.
- A new nurse was hired last night. Mr. Z noted that to this point there has always been coverage at Tenth Street until the full-time position was hired. Hiring this position took some time because initially the job was somewhat unappealing to applicants due to salary and lack of benefits. Benefits were added to the position and we received 4 great applicants. Rosie Jordan was hired. She has 18 years' experience working as a nurse at UPMC. She will be there 4 days a week and Mrs. Rice will cover 1 day a week.
- We have also hired a new band director. It will be voted on at next Monday's school board meeting to approve, Jessica Steiner as the new director. She is a long-time substitute teacher at Verner. She has a great music background and is excited to take over this year.

- The school had several repairs take place over the summer including the sink holes in the parking lot, water lines, dead spots in gymnasium floor and windows in the top of the gymnasium. Air conditioning repair in the gymnasium is also on the list of repairs. Also, every window in the entire buildings' first floor was covered in ballistic covering.
- The school has now moved to a six-day cycle. This will align with the high school.
- We had a very successful first Grandparent's Breakfast. Over 400 people showed up.
- Everyone really enjoyed the Pitt/Penn State fundraiser.
- Tenth Street will now be transitioning to the Tenth Street Raiders so that all three schools in the district have the same mascot.
- There was recently an incident on the playground where a student was injured. Due to this, a yearly inspection of the equipment was conducted early. The piece of equipment that the student was injured on was approved from a safety standpoint.
- The first safety drill was successfully completed as well as the first fire drill and bus evacuation. Teachers have also completed active shooter training.
- Bleachers are also being replaced on 9/17 & 9/18 during the day.

#### **New business**

- A water bottle filling station was installed near the cafeteria and gymnasium. We have received positive feedback on this addition to the school.
- The PTO would like to purchase document cameras for five teachers who have expressed an interest. Cost is expected to be around \$3,000. Vote to approved purchase was unanimous.  
Motion: Dave Decker, Sylvia Sullivan.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting** – Emily Aftanas, Sylvia Sullivan @ 7:43pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge (most likely)