

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Date: January 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Location: Tenth Street Faculty Lounge

Attendance: 8 parents, 1 teacher

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 6:33 pm

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **Treasurer**– Jessica Condrón- Current financials were presented. Motion to approve P. Tomlinson. It was seconded by D. Polesiak.

3. Committee Reports

- **100th Day Celebration:** Kristy Thon. The 100th day of school this year is February 6, 2020 pending any unexpected snow day cancellations. A student, Maggie Steimer, introduced doing 100 Acts of Kindness this year in school. Both Maggie and Kristy will be contacting teachers to discuss. We also plan to use less physical items this year such as decorations. We will also still do dress up days for the students.
- **6th Grade Celebration:** Laurie Sliben, Jen Murphy, Allison Rocchini, Melissa O' Shane. Next meeting for the parents will take place on 1/22/2020 at 6:30 pm. There will be more fundraising in the coming months.
- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condrón, Julie Kingera. Registration for the next painting class is open. Flyers went home to students last week. There are 24 students registered so far. Maximum registration will be capped at 30. Priority will be given to those students who were unable to participate in the fall session.
- **Bingo:** Melissa Penkrot, Claire McCourt. We will once again host a "Lucky" Bingo night that will be St. Patrick's Day themed on March 14th. This year each child will play to win one big prize (not several). If the child wins more than once, they will win a smaller prize. The last game played will provide an opportunity for all kids to win something.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jaafar, Julie Burns, Kristen Hemingray. The next book fair will take place February 24- February 27th. It will align with Literacy Night on February 26th. During Literacy Night, we will also be doing

Grandparent's Night which will be Pirate themed. Grandparents who are willing to read books to the children will receive a free book. The last book fair was a success and we were able to earn 20 Disney tickets once again by contributing books to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

- **Candy Grams.** Jen Brenza, Molly Walsh. Sales went well this year and we raised just over \$500 which will be donated to the Erica Hower Foundation. We will be doing a second sale over Valentines Day.
- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker. We will be doing a raffle in the coming months to award the tickets received from the Disney Point of Life. Further information will be communicated out.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Jen Murphy. Due to the digital transition, sales are down across the board. Last count we were at approximately \$290.00 raised. Remember to scan receipts when shopping!
- **Holiday Store:** Kristen Hemingray, Peggy Jaafar, Amanda Allis. The store went very well this year! The profit was approximately \$3,000! This is compared to \$400 when we used a company. Kristen let the group know that her family will be moving out of the district but has still offered to run the store for next year. She thinks we have enough inventory purchased for 2 years.
- **PJ Drive:** Jen Boyer. The drive went very well this year and all recipients were very appreciative.
- **Restaurant Night:** Dave Decker. Our next restaurant night will be 1/27 at What's Cooking at Casey's. There will also be a Flyers will be sent home letting families know.
- **Relay For Life:** Melissa Havran. Melissa volunteered to help form a Tenth Street team! More info to come.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts:** Paula Tomlinson, Amanda Allis. \$4,855 worth of gift cards were purchased through Script and the committee only had to pay \$4,581.50. Every staff member (including cross guards and sub-crossing guards) received at least one \$25-30 gift card.
- **Yearbook:** Brittany Massar, Courtney Whitcher, Kristen Hemingray. Please be sure to share photos school events, parties, field trips, etc. with this group!

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

- Thank you for the gift cards to the staff! It is very much appreciated.
- Next year our school will be a little more sensitive around the holidays in the use of religious traditions. Small subtle changes in the classroom will be implemented.

- There has also been a lot of positive feedback on the new benches. Thank you PTO for the purchase.
- There was an exciting Bicycle Assembly for the students today.
- A reminder to update phone numbers should they have changed since last year for notices of inclement weather.
- The students participated in Gifts of Kindness over the holidays and an Echo Dot and Kindle were raffled off to two students.
- Kindergarten registration will begin on 1/27. Packets will be available in the Tenth Street office. Kindergarten screenings will take place on 3/11 & 3/12.
- There will be a notice going home with students soon announcing the new math pilot program, Eureka.
- Miss Meanix has recently taken over Student Council and the students have really enjoyed the fun Spirit Days.
- The next Principal's Coffee date will be changed. More information to come.

6. New business

- Kristen proposed the purchase of recess carts which would include balls and equipment for the students to play with outside.
- For field day this year, Kristen asked that the vice president be responsible for the purchase of the Italian ice for the students going forward.
- Pioneer Day- Melissa Havran introduced the idea of having a Pioneer Days at Tenth Street. She has experience with this through another school and thinks it could be a wonderful learning opportunity for the students. She is hoping to have local businesses donate items and there would be a small fee from families to attend. She is going to work on setting a budget and all responsibilities involved and hopes to plan for next year.
- Board and committee openings were discussed. We will be communicating out opportunities to parents via Facebook, emails and flyers in the coming weeks/months.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – P. Tomlinson, E. Aftanas

Next Meeting: February 11, 6:30 pm

