

PTO Meeting Minutes
November 2nd, 2020

Attendees: Ryan Berardi, Lindsey Strauss, Dustin Strauss, Stephanie Bowers, Kara Zimmerman, Lisa Ruth, Tracy Motz, Meryl Reist Gibbel, Stacey Yuninger, Erin Myers, Lindsay Clark, Michael & Amy Gillin, Susan Vassallo, Heather, Kenneth (not all names available due to virtual limitations)

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Lindsey Strauss
- II. Principal Comments – Dr. Berardi
 - a. Combating Uncertainty with “Knowns” – Even though much has changed, many things are still the same, notably students’ positive attitudes and teachers’ dedication.
 - b. Standards Based Reminder – A new way of grading that focuses on areas of strength and need; lets parents know what is working well and where to invest more energy.
 - c. Conferences (Virtual) – November 23/24. If you have not done so already, please sign up for conferences ASAP. Reach out to Dr. Berardi if you have any issues scheduling a time.
 - d. Free Breakfast and Lunch & Power Packs
 - i. Free Breakfast and Lunch has been extended to include the remainder of the school year and are available to students regardless of financial status.
 - ii. There are plenty of Power Packs (weekend meals) to go around; contact Dr. Berardi to set up.
 - e. SEAD Curriculum & Purpose – Making sure that hearts are being educated as well as minds. Focuses on emotional well-being and making sure children feel seen, valued, and that their voice matters.
- III. Teacher Rep. Comments – Erin Myers
 - a. Teachers are thankful for help provided from PTO
 - b. Erin Myers is currently testing the ipad holder and will be consulting with other teachers to see what the needs are (i.e. how many teachers still need one, if there are any other features necessary).
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Lisa Ruth
 - a. Balance of \$37,017 in checking and money market accounts as of 11/01/2020 (figure is inflated due to extra recess drive funds that have not yet been distributed).
- V. Old Business
 - a. Spirit Wear sale– Order arrived today and will be distributed to students this week. There were 97 orders for a total of \$396.00. Dr. Berardi will email staff link next year with the link for purchase.
 - b. Sub & Dessert sale – Pickup went well, recommended to use the same company again next year.
 - c. Box Tops for Education– Meryl Gibbel
 - i. Earned slightly over \$100 for the year so far.
 - ii. Next deadline for turn in is March 2021 – it would be helpful for teachers to get a reminder with collection dates.
 - d. Recess Fun Drive
 - i. Cups have been purchased and will be distributed (10 per classroom)
 - ii. Wagon for Mr. Berkey has been purchased and on its way
 - iii. One ipad stand has been purchased and is being tested; more will be purchased based on feedback received.
 - iv. \$955 for Mrs. Diaz’s request for art supplies has been approved and check will be cut ASAP.
 - v. Discussed options to thank large donors (esp. Elizabethtown Sports), including thank-you notes from the students, pictures of the kids playing with equipment, and thank-you calls from Dr. Berardi.
- VI. Current Business
 - i. Virtual Book Fair – Scholastic dollars are used for teacher wishlists and to purchase 1 book per student.
 - ii. Teacher Conferences, Dinner/Lunch?
 1. Due to COVID, meal options must be sealed/individually wrapped by a restaurant or snack style, NOT buffet style.
 2. Monday dinner is preferable to Tuesday because of the long school day on Monday.
 3. Plan for 60 individuals; Dr. Berardi will get a more accurate count.

iii. Isaac's Night – Due to COVID, Isaac's is offering take-out only and gift card purchases.

VII. Open Comments

a. Upcoming Meetings (to be held on Zoom): December 7, January 4, February 1, April 5, May 3

VIII. Adjournment