

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 3rd, 2022

Attendees: Zac Bauermaster, Stephanie Cottrell, Kara Zimmerman, Tracy Motz, Karina Scheren, Susan Vassallo, Lisa Ruth, Stacey Yunginger, Meg Garrett, Kim Ginder, Christi Zahm

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Stephanie Cottrell & Kara Zimmerman
- II. Principal Comments – Zac Bauermaster
 - a. No school on October 10th for teacher in-service day.
 - b. Picture day will be held on October 12th. (Volunteer helpers arranged during meeting)
 - c. Free breakfast has begun for all students. Grades K-3 should report to classroom to check in with teachers before going to cafeteria, and grades 4-6 should report straight to the cafeteria upon arrival. Parent volunteers are needed to supervise the cafeteria at breakfast time.
 - d. Field trips for 2nd and 3rd grade are upcoming.
 - e. Now that kids are settled into school year, we want to bring back school culture lost during Covid. Positive Behavior committee meeting held for ideas to reinforce positive behavior (especially in cafeteria) and emphasize the three R's. Overall we want kids to be excited to come to school.
- III. Teacher Rep Comments – Stacey Yunginger
 - a. Thank you generous PTO support. (Thank you notes from 2 additional teachers were observed)
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Susan Vassallo
 - a. Several teacher requests for additional funds have been received. The PTO's policy is that special request items/funds must benefit the entire school. Individual classroom requests will not be approved.
 - b. A reminder that additional funding requests are to only be submitted after allocated funds are depleted.
 - c. Budget reviewed. Currently \$6,953.06 in checking and \$22,463.65 in money market for a total cash balance of \$29,416.71 as of 10/1/22. Projected end of year cash balance on 7/31/23 of \$34,913.33.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Spirit Wear Sale (9/12-9/23) – Total sales were an impressive \$4,500.00. This year's sale ran concurrently with the District Spirit Wear sale, might want to revisit dates next year to avoid overlap.
 - b. Event Chairs – All events are covered, thanks to all who volunteered.
- VI. Current Business
 - a. Student Directory – Directory will continue to be digitally distributed again this year.
 - b. Yearbook – Progressing as expected. A Dropbox or link for teachers to send photos will be set up soon.
 - c. Restaurant Nights – Will begin again in 2023. Isaac's will be in January, Moe's pop-up event in spring, and Rita's Night at the end of the year. Parents' Night Out was suggested, will be considered.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - a. Book Fair (10/13 – 10/14) and Movie Night (10/14) – Preparations are underway. Volunteers are needed for Book Fair (a Sign-Up Genius will be released soon). A reminder that food will not be served or allowed in the gym. Movie shown will be Sing 2. Please bring blankets for kids to sit on in gym.
 - b. Doughnuts for Dads (10/28) – will be held in gym from 7:00-7:45 w/ volunteers from event sponsor Lititz Orthodontics. Christi Zahm is chair with technical setup help from Melissa Cyrus.
 - c. Climber Dash (11/09) – **NEW DATE**
- VIII. Climber Dash
 - a. 17 Event sponsors donated for a total of \$4,100.00 for t-shirts from Elizabethtown Sports (will be distributed on 11/7). 650 wristbands have also been ordered. The State Map (donors from every state) will be emphasized again. The classroom from every grade level with the highest amount raised will receive \$50 to be used on a fun item of their choice for the room.

- IX. Open Comments
 - a. Upcoming Meetings: 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1.
- X. Adjournment