

PTO Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2022

Attendees: Zac Bauermaster, Stephanie Cottrell, Kara Zimmerman, Tracy Motz, Karina Scheren, Susan Vassallo, Lisa Ruth, Lauren Bewley, Stacey Yunginger, Imelda Montpetit, Jess Bruckhart, Meg Garrett, Meryl Reist Gibbel, Dona Hoff, Kim Ginder, Claire Miegel, Christi Zahm, Anadys Rivera

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Stephanie Cottrell & Kara Zimmerman
- II. Principal Comments – Zac Bauermaster
 - a. Popsicles on the Playground and Back to School night went well, making for a great start to the year. Parents are invited to provide feedback to Dr. Bauermaster if they wish.
 - b. All Pro Dads will be returning this year in the cafeteria with breakfast at 6:30 am and speaker at 7 am. Other family members (not just dads) are welcome to accompany students.
 - c. For parent volunteers, it is recommended to begin getting clearances soon as they take time to obtain.
 - d. Picture day will be held on October 12th.
- III. Teacher Rep Comments – Stacey Yunginger
 - a. Thank you for Back to School lunch from Isaac's and for the teacher gifts, they are greatly appreciated. (Thank you notes from 2 teachers were observed)
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Susan Vassallo
 - a. Review and breakdown of proposed 2022/2023 budget, which passed unanimously.
 - b. Classroom subscriptions (Time for Kids & Scholastic News) discussed. A teacher poll was proposed to determine whether subscriptions are actually being used, or if they can be reduced or eliminated. (Time is much less expensive than Scholastic).
 - c. A reminder that Amazon Smile has replaced Box Tops. Amazon Smile is a quick and easy one-time signup process that benefits the PTO. The official charity name is Kissel Hill Parent Teacher Organization.
 - d. \$3,840.69 in checking and \$22,461.25 in money market for a total cash balance of \$26,301.94 as of 9/12/22. Under the current proposed budget, we are projected to end this fiscal year on 7/31/23 at \$31,578.45.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Carnival (5/20) – Went well. Raffle baskets and additional food trucks were a hit. Lisa Ruth will chair again this year but will need a shadow for next year. Discussed possibility of a dunk tank this year.
 - b. Rita's Night (06/02) – Went well, made \$354 in profit, and recently received check from event.
 - c. Popsicles on the Playground (08/24) – event had a good turnout and went well. 375 popsicles purchased
 - d. Fall Teacher Gifts (Distributed 08/24) – received several thank you notes in appreciation from teachers.
 - e. Back to School Teacher Luncheon (08/29) – received positive feedback from staff.
- VI. Current Business
 - a. Spirit Wear sale – (9/12 – 9/23) Please use <http://ensingergraphics.tuosystems.com/stores/KISSELHILL22> Spirit Wear will be distributed 3-4 weeks after the sale closes (late Oct. – early Nov.)
 - b. Student Directory – Forms have been distributed. Opt-out is possible by emailing leakways@gmail.com
 - c. Yearbook – Due to inflation, yearbook prices will increase. Please keep in mind that price increase is due to increases in manufacturing costs, not from PTO itself.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - a. Book Fair (10/13 – 10/14) and Movie Night (10/14) – popcorn will not be served or allowed in the gym. Event chair is needed.
 - b. Doughnuts for Dads (10/28) – will be held in gym from 7:00-7:45 w/ volunteers from event sponsor Lititz Orthodontics.
 - c. Climber Dash (11/09) – New date as previous date conflicts w/ 3rd grade field trip.

- VIII. Event Chairs Needed
 - a. Multiple open positions for the current school year

- IX. Open Comments
 - a. Upcoming Meetings: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1.

- X. Adjournment