

# December PTO Meeting Minutes

6 p.m. December 10, 2024

- I. Treasurer's Report - Allison After the last meeting, we agreed to contribute \$1000 toward the K-2 Music Field Trip. Dr. Blaine shared that the trip may end up being fully funded by the two "Principal for a Day" attendees. If that happens, any excess funds would be returned to PTO.
  
- II. Old Business
  - A. Author Visit Megan shared that this went really well. The kids seemed engaged and asked good questions. The next visit in the Spring will be an illustrator.
  - B. November & December Staff Appreciation lunches Megan shared that we had Salsaritas in November and Brown Bag Catering in December. In January we will have teacher supplies again. We have received sponsorships to cover February and March teacher appreciation.
  
- III. New Business
  - A. Book Fair Most volunteer slots were covered. Mrs. Kelly has been very appreciative of the extra help. Dr. Blaine shared how helpful PTO volunteers are for this because it frees up the TA's to continue with their regular duties.
  
  - B. Pepcat Prowl Sleepover Sunday 12/15 - Principals will be "sleeping over" at school. Jackie and Kim took videos to document the sleepover and it will be shared on Monday morning during announcements. It was suggested that the kids could have a PJ day Monday to celebrate the sleepover. Dr. Blaine is going to check on this.
  
  - C. Pep Rally - December 13th Kim shared that Lauren Wilson will MC for this. Ms. Stair has coordinated a video with some of the staff members that will be shared. The kids will do a relay race for each grade level where they will dress their teacher for a snow day. Kim will have candy canes for the winning classes.
  
  - D. Awards Assemblies & Class Parties - December 19th There is purposely a break added in the middle to clear out parking spots between the two groups. Party times will vary and will be communicated by teachers.
    1. Grades K-2 from 8:15-9:15am
    2. Grades 3-5 from 10-11am
  
  - E. Sweet P's Dine Out - Wednesday, January 22nd They were happy to set this up again and it will take place all day (lunch and dinner). We will receive 10% of total sales from the day as long as they hit a total of \$3000 in net sales for the day.
  
  - F. Basketball Court Update We were scheduled to begin this on Monday, 12/9, but the weather did not cooperate so it has been rescheduled to begin on Monday,

12/16, weather permitting. We are hopeful that the new court will be ready to use when the kids return from winter break. The new benches should also be installed in the next few weeks.

- G. Marquee Update The install date is not set yet, but the project is still in motion. Dr. Blaine is going to follow up on the details and timing for this.
- H. Media Studio Adam Wilson Reality, Partners in Education and PTO together will be making this happen.
- I. Spring Teacher Appreciation TVA agreed to sponsor a lunch. It was suggested that we do Louis' for February. Megan is open to ideas for March.
- J. Upcoming Events
  - 1. Valentine's Dance Shannon is organizing this. It will be Thursday, 2/13
  - 2. Skatetown Night Thursday, 3/27
  - 3. ABES Game Date TBD
  - 4. Ham 'n Goodys Currently scheduled to take orders in March and distribute right before Easter, but there was talk about how much the prices have increased and if we might want to consider another option this year. Jackie was going to reach out to Moonshine Cookies in FC to see if they would be interested in setting up a fundraiser.
  - 5. Spring Carnival Friday, April 11th
    - a) Need Sponsorship Chair Hannah Loomis is considering doing this and thought Candice would be a good person to help too if willing.

- IV. Principal Remarks: Dr. Blaine shared a big thank you for all the extra help from PTO. He understands this time of year is extra stressful and it is much appreciated to have extra help, meals, etc.

Megan asked about the clothes closet being shut down from the county. Dr. Blaine said we will continue to handle that in-house. Ms. K is always looking for essential items to have on hand and donations would be appreciated.

Dr. Blaine shared that almost \$1200 was donated to the e-wallet for kids to be able to purchase books that would have been able to otherwise. This is such a blessing to students that would not otherwise be able to purchase from the book fair. Our community support is such a blessing..

The "Principals for the Day" that visited from the county commented on PTO support and seemed very impressed with FCE in general.

\*\* Next PTO meeting Tuesday, January 14th at FCE in the Library at 6pm.