

General PTO Meeting 1/20/22 - Virtual

Call to Order: 6:07 pm Tara

Board Present: Tara, Carrie, Allison, Tiffany (6:12 PM)

Members present: Melissa Jones, Mandy Bubniak, Calease Phillips, Tracy Wilcox, Kristin Crawford, Imke, Krista P., Melissa Sturdevant, Mike Peters, Pope, Sherry Calhoun, Andrea Hall, Teresa Duggan, Sherrie, and Vanessa Miller - there were as many as 17 at most points throughout the meeting.

Meeting minutes: approve last months minutes 12/16/21 Tara

By-laws: new verbiage approved Tara

August 1 - July 31 term

Transition from May - July

To be updated on website

Treasurer Report:

12/1/21: \$17,159.45

12/31/21: \$15,103.28

See report for details

Upcoming Events:

Color throw/battle: April 8th: Carey

It is not a color run - it is a color battle or throw - different from elementary.

- Carey and Calease started this committee.
- If anyone else is interested in joining, please email Carey at: ptotreasurer@swake.org
- Funds raised will go toward building an outdoor garden, picnic tables, refurbish the MS tables and add to them, possibly. It will also help off-set cost of pole banners Dr. Ray is ordering.
- No longer an outdoor classroom and greenhouse.
- Need volunteers and corporate sponsors.
- Incentives
 - Wear jeans
 - Dress down
 - Wear roller skates
 - HS - dress up day
 - Kiss a pig
 - Challenges for principal

Due to cancellation of Christmas luncheon - will use Christmas gift money to create Wellness baskets for each Teacher's Lounge (total of 6 throughout the school)

- 3 types of tea
- Emergen-C
- Honey sticks
- Lemon
- Elderberry
- Plastic reusable cup and lid
- Baskets

- signs

Miscellaneous Items:

Teacher Grants: 3 applications received

- Resent as a reminder
- Possibly present in a teacher's meeting so they better understand
- End of month emailed to committee members for evaluations

Spirit Wear:

- Still waiting for \$513 from Vendor
- Logo contest - 2 MS and 2 HS entries so far
- All students are eligible
- Mr. Murchison sent to all HS, but it was supposed to go to all - request to resend.

Lost & Found Organizer is in HS building by Vending machine

- Hoodies
- PE uniforms
- May need more hangers
- logo(ed) items unclaimed and in decent shape will be turned over to the Lion's closet
- Other items donated to charity

Storage shed:

- Additional research necessary
- Permits required
- Continuing forward with process

Friendship Tree:

- Dogwood (white or pink)
- Corner of HS
- Garden area with mulch
- March dedication day
- Painted rocks

PTO needs an iPad to take purchases - so not using personal devices

- Consider for future
- Discounts through employment or educators?

Teacher Appreciation:

Valentine's Day Teacher Appreciation: Feb 14th - Tara

- Need more suggestions for grab-n-go foods - no sit down meal
- More volunteers required to cover classes for them to leave and get food

Teacher Appreciation Committee:

- Tiffany needs volunteers
- Be on the lookout for an email
- Newsletter includes details

Questions/Comments:

1. Will we be remote next week? When will we know?
Notification should go out soon - expect by Friday afternoon a decision would be made.
2. Is the Color Battle school wide? Will only those who raise money be able to participate?
Each student is expected to raise \$45. We would easily meet the goal with minimal corporate sponsors if each student raised this amount.
3. Could we provide delivery carts and deliver grab-n-go foods to classrooms, instead of getting coverage for each classroom and needing more volunteers?
Good idea - email all suggestions to ptovicepresident@swake.org
4. Suggestion for sugary sweet treats on Valentine's Day.
5. Suggestion to meet with teachers and go over what the grants are. Explain so they better understand.
6. Where do lost and found items go at the end of the year?
School approved will go to the Lion's closet and other items donated to charity.
7. How do we get volunteer hours if we cannot donate time?
Purchasing items for events or wish lists also count.
8. Suggestion for SUG to be posted on the main webpage, not just social media (some are not on).
9. Where should we send corporate donations?
ptotreasurer@swake.org
10. For those needing community service hours: there is a mulching event at Buckhorn Creek Elementary for parents and students.
11. There is still confusion about service hours and how to report them. What are students required to do?
There are two separate forms to fill out. Virtual experiences count for less hours, but are able to be included.

Adjourned: 6:59 pm