

January Agenda 01/18/2023

Wednesday / 18 January 2023 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM ONLY! [PFE PTO Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1. Principal's Remarks

- a. Busy school year continues, Book club was a success!
- b. Recent inservice - Friday morning, district elementary teachers were introduced to the new science curriculum being rolled out and had the opportunity to meet and discuss with each other. Monday am, district wide MLK day activities at SCASD HS regarding equity/inclusivity and new strategies and techniques for teachers.
- c. Reflex math club, Choir, Chess club, 4th and 5th grade Ensembles, extracurricular activities starting!

2. Introduction of officers & members

- a. Rebecca Desmarais, President; Eve Bellinger, VP; Jendy Cicero, Secretary; Terri Buchignani, Treasurer; Mary Hodges; Dr Jessica Quinter; Sandra Sollenberger; Jamie Brenner; Betsy Bowman; Hadar Hoori; Jonna Belanger; Caitlyn Ollendyke; Dr. Nicole Titus

3. Approval of November minutes

- a. Motion to approve- Jamie Brenner, Seconded - Sandra Sollenberger

4. Treasurer report and updates

- a. See attached report. Currently, we have ~\$37,500 in our total accounts. Amazon smile program ending next month... may need to think about supplemental ways to raise funds. Suggestions welcome.

5. Spirit wear update

- a. *Almost* all orders from the large fall sale were fulfilled. Store will remain open. May consider streamlining colors and

apparel choices. Consider “Buy your Valentine new Penguin apparel item”

6. Moe's taco kits recap

- a. Sold 45 boxes in December -> \$450 raised (\$10 per box)
- b. Next sale will be close to the end of the school year.

7. Warm Wishes luncheon recap

- a. Went really well! Catered by Taco 570 (Jersey Shore). Meal ticket contributions by families totaled ~\$560, which was a significant portion of the cost. Teachers and staff appreciated Warm Wishes cards. Overall, a success!

8. Chili cook off recap

- a. Dr Quinter's chili won! Nice to have the extra space at the Centre for kids to run around and play. New families and faces!

9. Family Book Club with Dr.Titus recap

- a. Families appreciated a smaller, quieter event. Will strive to keep a smaller group (~20-25 families) in future book clubs. Feedback: families liked meeting other families, seeing teachers, and having dedicated family time. Will need to think about how we handle supplies purchased for families who sign up, but are unable to attend. Picture chapter books are great for this event.
- b. Next book club: tentatively April 4th 630-730. Next book - “Front Desk.”

10. Basket Bingo -February 3rd at THE CENTRE, pre-sale raffle tickets [HERE](#)

- a. Each classroom has a themed basket filled with donations from families (communication has/will come from teachers). Basket items due 1/27. Slideshow of baskets will be available online for preview. Baskets will be on display at school for kids prior to the event.
- b. Tickets for baskets can be purchased online or at the event. Place tickets (virtually if purchased online or physically if purchased

in person) for the basket you hope to win. Bingo is played all night, basket winners are chosen throughout the night. Every child will receive a free book that night! FAMILIES WELCOME... BINGO IS FREE! Every PFE student will receive a free ticket for a basket of their choice.

- c. Food will be available for purchase through the Centre... PTO will receive 10% of profits from food sales.
 - d. Do we need to provide a sound system or will the Centre provide? Need a new caller this year! Volunteer signup genius coming.
11. Family Directory- Please fill out form [HERE](#)
12. 4th grade field trip to Penns Cave - Vote \$2500
- a. Field trip will still apply when science unit changes in the following years.
 - b. Tentative date - 5/24. Cave tour + wildlife tour + gift shop + lunch in a pavilion there.
 - c. Proposal submitted includes: student & adult admission fees, 2 buses/gas.
 - d. Motion to approve - Jamie Brenner; Seconded - Jonna Belanger; the motion is approved.
13. Gift Cards for Nurse Decker - Walmart, Wegmans, Giant, deliver to office
- a. OK to share with students if asked. There has been no formal announcement to students at school, but students will be making cards for Nurse Decker.
14. Look for SLAM Fair volunteer(s) to co-chair event
15. Any other items
- a. Emma Van Allen requested \$100 for accompanist for the spring concert.
 - b. Caitlyn Ollendyke would love a few PTO volunteers for Book Picnic in the spring.. more information to follow.

Motion to end the meeting at 8:25pm by Jamie Brenner; Seconded by Jonna Belanger.

Respectfully submitted by: Jendy Cicero

Date Submitted: 01/18/23

Date Approved: _____

NEXT MEETING -

WEDNESDAY, **February** 15, 2023/ 7:00 PM/ Zoom ONLY!