

13 February 2019
PTO MEETING
Zalinsky Cafe
6:00pm

AGENDA

1. Approved last month's minutes. Jenny Tianis made motion, Elaine Fitzgerald seconded the motion.
2. Budget Update - Nothing to Report
3. Benefit Update
 - a. Raffle sales underway, at our halfway mark of \$8,000
 - i. Tracy Mayer talked to kids at lunch hour to build excitement, which produced good results
 - ii. Had to order more tickets from the printer - arriving tomorrow
 - iii. 7th and 8th grade are doing an excellent job
 - iv. February 28th is last day to turn in tickets to be counted for competition
 - b. Ticket sales - early sign up ends tomorrow at midnight
 - c. Ad book - still time to buy ads
 - d. Teacher Time - starts at 6pm Friday the 15th, ends 8pm on the 24th
 - e. Art projects are all finished - two will be live auction items, the rest will be silent
 - f. Deadline has passed for classroom baskets. Committee members are busy purchasing items with the money donated.
 - g. We need volunteers for the night of the event. Contact Sarah Creviston or Carrie Muehle if you are available.
4. Photo Booth - To be used at school events such as the benefit, school dances, etc. We originally budgeted \$1200 but need \$1600. Jenny Tianis made a motion to approve the excess expenditure of \$400. All voted in favor, motion passed. Marcia to proceed in purchasing the equipment. Assistant Principal Kennedy will store the equipment on behalf of the PTO.
5. Little Reading Library - Interest in setting one up on west side of school. This was the result of an unused idea for classroom art projects. Chai Wolfman would paint it. Cost would be approximately \$500. Would be for our kids and the neighborhood. 8th graders would manage inventory and be responsible for it. Tracy Mayer made a motion to approve. Ms. Yadao asked for clarification on how the library works (anyone can donate a book, take a book, etc.). All voted in favor and the motion passed.
6. Buddy Bench - In fitting with our anti bullying efforts, asking for \$600 to get one for school playground. Ms. Yadao made a motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
7. Pasta Night - April 4th - mark your calendars - more details to come
8. International Night - May 23rd - mark your calendars. Elaine asked if it will be marketed beyond the school population (publicized in local paper, Sauganash Community Association). Jenny commented it might be nice for parents who will be joining the

school to know about it. Some concern was voiced over crowd getting too large and the need for security. Marcia to take these suggestions back to the committee.

9. Walkathon - June 7th
 - a. Jenny Tianis reported that it will be from 8:30am - 1pm.
 - b. Mr. Kennedy will organize in what sequence everyone will walk.
 - c. It will be publicized as the STEAM Walk.
 - d. Kids will be sponsored with flat rate donations.
 - e. Eva Chadges designed the shirt. Four sponsors have purchased spots on it - there are more spots available. The shirts will be allowable for gym class.
 - f. Money raised will be used for STEAM.
 - g. Hoping Bob Vasavanont will take drone footage.
 - h. Will have popsicles and water for the kids.
 - i. Walk will culminate with classes walking together with their buddy classes.
10. My School Anywhere App - Katrina reported that 96 students / 75 families signed up. Katrina will contact administrator to see if we can use this app to do our newsletter. Discussed needing a strategy to communicate all of the tools that come with this app (i.e. room parent communications, fundraising, sign up genius, etc.) in hopes of gaining 100% participation.
11. LSC Career Fair - April 24th - Katrina and Liz Piper and Marcia working on a career fair for 5th-8th grade.
12. New School Pack - Tracy Mayer - The Right Stuff has taken over for School Pack. Tracy is working with Mr. Kennedy on new supply lists. New program will roll out in May. Looks like it might feature better products, newer and more interesting things.
13. Recycle your dead markers and crayons - working on a push to collect these at the end of the year. Ms. Yadao asked if we can have this year round since markers. Marcia will talk with Catherine Anderson to see if we can get a bin or collect bi-weekly, etc. Mr Kennedy suggested we work with Mrs Hutton and her recycling team.
14. Open Forum - nothing to report
15. Next Meeting - March 13th at 6:30pm - Lindsay in charge of next meeting - Marcia will be absent.