

PTO Meeting Tuesday October 7th Minutes

1) CEO Report

Parking situation: The school is working with engineers and they are thinking of a temporary solution for the traffic logistics by expanding the front driveway of the school where the busses pick up and drop off the kids. The final design and construction will likely happen this summer. Because of this construction project summer school may have to be suspended.

School Rating: School has showed a great growth regarding PSSA scores. Even though test results in all areas for proficiency are still below 70%, most recent results showed an improvement compared with last years performance and school performance profile has been increased from 67.7 to 73.1.

2) Teacher Report

- We have plenty of volunteers for the book fair this year.
- School T-shirt orders for the year are due by Friday.
- Letter sent to parents about the book fair is not clear since it sounds like the book fair is open to the public during the day on Thursday while school is in session.
- Next PTO meeting CHANGED to the 11th of November since there is no school on Nov 4th because it's Election Day.

3) Treasurer Report

After decal sale at the last event the balance of the PTO fund is now \$1965.87

4) Scholastic Book Fair, week of October 20-24th & Family Reading Night October 23rd

- Volunteers needed for PTO table for family reading night. Contact Karrie Bender.

Storybook Character Day:

- We should consider regulation for food offered at schools regarding bake sales before using that as a fundraising.
- The school is now exploring options to change the "no nut policy" in the handbook because this rule is not working. Teachers knowing the classroom allergies could make arrangements for this kids at lunchtime.
- Homeroom parents or teachers could prepare or coordinate snacks for the Storybook Character Day to prevent problems with allergies.
- A letter stating appropriate treats for parents to send in for this festivities would be helpful.
- The parade could take place during recess (to prevent logistic and parking problems) and lunch could be used as celebration time to prevent problems with parents wanting to stay in the classroom with the kids for the party.

- How and when to do parade and celebration is TBD
- For next year the school could piggyback on the Baldwin parade for Halloween and have kids participate.

5) PTO Table

Setup PTO Table at all events, Karrie will coordinate with Rachel Majcher. Table to include YSWPCS tablecloth, PTO info, generic volunteer sign-up form, decals to sell for \$1 each, and bake sale if possible.

T-shirt sale? PTO does not want to compete with cheerleaders t-shirt sale and will try to think of something else. There are some leftover from last year sales that could be use for a discount items sale.

6) Re-cap from last meeting

- a. Clearances
- b. Babysitter for meetings – Baldwin HS Students who need volunteer hours?
Seniors being trained and will not be done until November.
- c. Picture person to Manage all PTO Event photos - Kim L.?
- d. Volunteer incentives – scholar points not fair to parents who cannot come in to volunteer.
Maybe a volunteer lunch.

7) Fundraising

Current fundraising:

- We will start with Yankee Candles fundraiser – Starts toward the end of October, orders in by early December
- We will look into S.E.E.D. Program, through Shop 'N Save and other programs like Target.

Future fundraiser ideas (winter/spring):

- Kids Holiday Shop, Craft Fair, Popcorn Palace, Flower Bulbs (Rachel?), T-shirts (?), Rummage Sale
- Jaime and Christina will think about baskets for raffles. We could have classes work on Young Scholars spirit Baskets.
- Lunch boxes with the winning drawing from contest could be an option for PTO table sales. Pens or chap sticks for give away items.
- Jaime has other fundraising ideas like the amazing race and little passports.

*Proceeds from PTO fundraising will be allocated toward fun, family events AND school library media center.

8) Open discussion

- We could have a message board under the parent corner in the website, but could be a web safety risk.
- Make a PTO Facebook page? Coordinate with Eric for message board or Facebook page at next PTO meeting.
- Instead of incentives it will be good to try to offer carpooling to get involvement from parent without transportation and babysitting for volunteers with babies. Lack of participation may be due to circumstances other than lack of motivation.
- We have a Blood drive on 21st at the school and Barnes and Noble Day 22nd of Nov, but we could try to participate in the craft fair for the 15th. (Jen will try to coordinate this as a fundraiser).
- Once a month the school will have a special lunch on Tuesday with original items in the menu, i.e. have fajitas for Hispanic heritage month.