



Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

PTO Meeting Tuesday October 6, 2015

5:30 PM

Minutes

- 1) Welcome! Introduction of Officers and Teacher Representatives (Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Remziye)
- 2) CEO Report
 - Parent breakfasts are being scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays at 8am with Mr. B, Mr T. and Rachel.
 - Parent teacher conferences are on Monday 10/12
 - The budget has not yet been approved by the sates, please contact your Representative, Rachel to forward link. (Also mention All Children Achieve Act)
 - Mr. B and Karrie are looking into a covering for the parent pick up area.
- 3) Teacher Report
 - The teachers have questions about who their homeroom parents are.
 - October 23 is the Student council Spookfest Dance for grades 5-8, the cooking club will host a bake sale the week of 10/12 to support the dance.
 - More information to come about storybook character day.
 - The Cheerleaders will be doing a tee shirt sale through 10/30, and Sarris candy fundraiser to start later this month through November.
 - Third grade is going on a field trip Tuesday October 13th to Heinz Field.
- 4) Treasurer Report
 - Balance to date 1623.00. Most of this amount will be used for the Holiday Shoppe. Sales will then offset this cost.
 - 37.00 for general supplies
 - 22.00 Snacks
 - 46.77 Basket supplies
 - 22.00 Bulletin Board
- 5) Appointment of Standing Committees
 - a. Parent/Teacher Relations Committee – Homeroom Parents (4 for 1a), 4th grade classes need homeroom parents. All Homeroom parents and volunteers will have laminated badges for events.
 - Storybook Character Day, Friday October 30th
No violent, offensive or reveling costumes. No weapons. No masks in class (only for parade), and all children in costume must have a book that corresponds with the costume.

Mr. B suggested a trunk or treat for parents to participate in during the parade. NON candy items encouraged.

- b. Fundraising Committee, Yankee Candles
Hoagies (Jimmy Dean only 15 return), suggestions of Clmbronies and Triangle.

When would be a good time to have a hoagie sale?

Pittsburgh Popcorn or Popcorn Palace

Country gourmet home

- c. Holiday Shoppe Committee, week of December 14-18th. Using Reindeer Lane for all items, supplies, cash register, etc. Still need volunteers!
- d. Barnes & Noble Volunteers, Saturday November 21st (contact Mrs. Day, d.day@yswpcs.org)

6) PTO Table at Events

- a. Raffle basket, Local Fruit, Pens, T-shirts
- b. Barnes & Noble: Volunteers needed for PTO table
- c. Thanks to all volunteers so far at PTO Table (Christina, Kim, Jamie), and to anyone who's helped out so far at Back to School Night, Book Fair, Grandparents Night, Field Trips, etc. All help is appreciated!!!!

7) General Items for Review

- a. Clearances – most homeroom parents have theirs turned in. Karrie to contact the few who have not yet.
- b. Babysitters for meetings – Mrs. Day to coordinate having (2) 8th graders each meeting.
- c. Volunteer incentives (tabled for next time)
 - Snacks at all PTO meetings
 - Basket raffle at PTO meetings?
 - Volunteer lunch?
 - Raffle at end of year for parents came to “x” many PTO meetings and also for “x” number of times volunteered
- d. Hats and gloves idea? (tabled for next time)
- e. Teacher supplies? (tabled for next time)

8) Fundraising

- a. Yankee Candles – Start mid-October, orders in by mid-November
- b. Rubber bracelets (tabled for next time)
- c. Future fundraiser ideas (Spring) Popcorn Palace, Flower Bulbs , T-shirts
 - Christina researched Hoagie sale Peppisubs \$3.75 we would charge \$5.00 (if we sold total of \$80.00, cost owed to peppis \$60-profit us \$20.00) – not worth it
 - Jimmy deans fundraiser and the amount to sell won't work with our school.
 - Amazing wristbands/ ½ “standard rubber bracelets, Front/back message with a tiger paw print qty 100 \$94.67- each would be .95 cents
- d. Proceeds allocated toward fun, family events. AND school-needed items as requested. Conference call polycom phone, possible porch roof outside of library (for parent pickup shelter).

9) Purchases to be made: Larger bulletin board for waiting area room, Raffle tickets roll. Already purchased USB drive for all PTO files, and orange paper for handouts. Karrie to research collection mailboxes with lock

10) Open discussion

***Important: **November's PTO meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH, AT 5:30PM,** since, there is no school on Tuesday.