

October PTO Meeting Notes 10-4-2022 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Kim Jensen, Michelle Kloncz, Emily Naumann, Diane Thiigs, Randy Vetsch

Parents: Jennifer Yiangou, Heather Krisko

Treasurer Report—Emily Naumann presented the budget. Current balance is \$5,501.15 North Star Donut proceeds from back-to-school night was \$253.80, Spirit Wear proceeds with First Place Spirit Wear were \$521.06, Pizza Day proceeds for the first two weeks \$1,008.28 (a big thanks to Kim for those!), Chipotle restaurant night \$208.54 (thanks Diane!). Thanks to all the extra effort, the PTO budget is in a much better place than last year.

PTO News

- **Budget Item Changes**—Because of extra funds, small changes were made to the budget. Prom and Graduation Reception funds were bumped up while the Lunch Pantry was removed as it is now being run on the school level. A \$100 line item was added for feminine hygiene supplies and \$500 for Field Trip Expenses to provide needed funds for disadvantaged students.
- **RaiseRight**—easy fundraiser; e-gift cards from hundreds of different vendors, all available for online purchase. This fundraiser is now established. Kim will begin promoting it soon.
- **Pizza Day**—Pizza Day has proven to be a huge benefit to the PTO bottom line! Still looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to lead this effort going forward. Mr. Hoemann requested PTO consider moving Pizza Day to Tuesdays due to dietary limitations for certain students on Monday/Wednesday. This was determined to be unfeasible due to the inability to get the needed number of volunteers on a Tuesday. We will reassess this request next year.
- **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast CANCELED**—this event was unfortunately canceled due to low ticket sales. Everyone who ordered tickets was refunded.
- **Trivia Thursdays**—Previously held on Tuesdays. A fun lunchtime activity in coordination with lunchroom monitors. Working well in Building A. Check status of other buildings.

Upcoming Events—

- **Mol Day** is a special day commemorating chemistry's measuring unit. We're reinstating this fun MSA tradition after a hiatus of several years! The official date is 10-23-22 but PTO will officially observe this notable date on Monday 10/24. The PTO will need volunteers to come at 8:30 am to assemble the "dirt" chocolate pudding cups with "worms" for a total of 600 pudding cups. Assembly will take place on the stage area of Building B with school-wide distribution first hour. Any available PSEO students are also encouraged to volunteer.
- **November 7th MSA Conference Dinner** from 4-5 pm for teachers and staff. Setup at 4 pm. This event has always been a potluck dinner provided by parents. Kim will put something out on Signup Genius. Plan for 60 people. Drop off by 3:30 pm. Main Dish options should include Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian. Also, salads, drinks, dinner rolls, cookies, bars, or other dessert options.
- **October/December Teacher Appreciation**—October 19 is professional development day. PTO is looking for donations of homemade or storebought muffins and coffee. December 7 is the date of monthly staff meeting. PTO plans to provide food and beverages on that day.
- **October 22 Fall Event @Afton Apple Corn Maze**—a PTO-sponsored gathering for high school and middle school students interested in connecting outside of school on Saturday, October 22 from 2-5:30 pm. PTO will plan to greet students with hot cider. Admission Fee is \$12 for kids 10 and up. Make a note in the announcements that middle school parents are encouraged to stay during the event.

Director Update—Randy discussed expansion and consideration of WLA merger proposal (still in fact-gathering phase). Parent/Staff/Student input needed. More information forthcoming.

Next PTO Meeting Dates—Meetings are typically held the 2nd Monday of the month @6:30 pm. Next meeting dates are January 9, February 27, and May 1