

# PTO Meeting Minutes (October)

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October 10, 2018

Attendance: Letha Jackson, Betty McCullough, Magan Holden, Melissa Hernandez-Mahadeo, Diana Heaton, Annamarie Doyle, Maria Gomez Torres, Linnette Sanchez

Treasury Report: Balance \$1,100 (waiting on Scholastic Book Fair profit of \$1024.27)

## OLD BUSINESS

- Scholastic Book Fair was a major success! We greatly exceeded our goal of \$2500- we made \$4097.59. We decided to take our profit in cash (\$1024.27) since we did not receive many teacher wish lists to use Scholastic dollars on. We had many wonderful volunteers who came throughout the week to assist- Thank You to them!!
- Ice Cream Social: We had very good turnout for our Ice Cream Social! We had an RSVP total of over 200 students and parents! We offered multiple toppings and went through all 5 containers of ice cream and having our book fair open that evening was a great idea too! We made an additional \$1000 on that evening alone! Thank You to staff and parent volunteers who helped make the night a success ☺
- Custodial Worker Appreciation Day: We decided to continue the tradition of gifting our custodial staff with 3 individual baskets of snacks and drinks. We also created a Thank You poster for their office door. They greatly appreciated their gifts.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Yankee Candle Fundraiser: Last day of YCF orders was on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Catalog orders will be tallied in the next few days and will be submitted to Yankee Candle by the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Pumpkin Patch: The PTO would like to keep the tradition of purchasing sugar pumpkins for the students. Ariane Nixon reached out to the contact from last year and found out that the cost went up a dollar. Melissa and Magan also visited Russo's farm to inquire about sugar pumpkins but price was also the same. Diana offered to help search for a farm whose pumpkins would fit our budget.
- Fall Festival (10/25) Melissa created a staff sign-up sheet and sent an email/text blast to everyone on our volunteer sign-up sheet from the beginning of the year. So far, we have a few individuals. We also have students from PTHS coming to volunteer as well.
  1. Wristbands- We decided as a group to keep the prices the same as last year but use wristbands instead of tickets. We will offer 2 types of bands: Game only bands (for \$12.50) & Combo bands (Games and Meal included for \$15)

Both bands will include: unlimited visits to game stations and Trunk or Treat visit. Students will also have opportunity to win a dessert at our Cake Walk Station.

2. Food Options: We decided to keep the same options and prices as last year. We will offer pizza slice, chicken nuggets, chips and option of water or juice box. We will shop around for the best pizza price deal. We were also made aware that a kitchen staff member has to be present so we asked the head cook and she agreed to cover that evening.
3. Games: We went over in detail about the games we will offer and what items still needed to be purchased for the game stations. Our parents liked the idea of making the library a Sensory Friendly Room. We voted to keep/create the following game stations:
  - a. Library (Sensory Friendly): 4 stations Coloring Area, Story-telling area, Candy Corn Hunt with colored rice/Eyeball Search with colored spaghetti, and Pumpkin memory game (Annamarie will create)
  - b. Cake Walk: we put out a FB post requesting pastry & raffle donations
  - c. Pumpkin Bean Bag Toss
  - d. Mystery Boxes (Melissa will create boxes )
  - e. Apple Toss (fake apples need to be purchased)
  - f. Find the Eye (Betty and Maria would look into getting hay and a small pool
  - g. Pumpkin Bowling
  - h. Tattoo Station
  - i. Batty Basketball
  - j. Mr. Senni's Glow in the dark maze
4. Raffle Donations: We put out a Facebook post requesting donations from the community. We are still accepting all donations. Diana said she would ask her friends with businesses for some donations. We already have the following:
  - a. The Turning Point- (2) \$30 gift certs
  - b. Picaboo: (5) \$50 gift certs
  - c. Portrait Innovations- \$100 gift cert
  - d. BCP- \$50 gift cert
  - e. iPlay America- (4) Plus Passes
  - f. Flyers Skate Zone- Public Skating Admission for up to 10 people
  - g. Skyzone Moorsetown- (4) 60 minute jump session passes
  - h. Salon DSK- \$25 Spa gift cert
  - i. ROSS- (2) \$25 gift cards
  - j. Otterbox – Free Case (\$90 value)
  - k. Game night gift basket

## OTHER BUSINESS

- New Spirit Wear/PTO Design: Linnette created a new design for student spirit wear as well as new PTO t-shirt design. Thank you, Linnette! We need to search for a deal on buying shirts in bulk.