

Jan 28, 2021 Zoom PTO meeting minutes

Attendees: 16 people including 6 of 8 board members, 4 administrators, as well as 6 additional parents and staff

Total time ; 1 hr 15 min

1 - Spirit Wear Summary - through Bay Imprint in Easton, MD

- Great variety of options
- Reasonable prices
- Delivery was good
- High quality
- Nice to support local businesses
- Website they created was easy to use
- Fundraiser aspect was worth it (\$342.00)
- Do it again in the spring
 - Add basket ball shorts
 - Sports bags
 - Tank tops
 - Water bottles and coffee mugs
 - Do a 5th Grade shirt maybe with names - GIFT???

2) Teacher welcome back gift -

- Bag with a note that said "Thank you for sticking with us through this wild school year! PTO"
- Inside was Duct tape and Washi tape
- Teachers and IAs had fun comparing what tape they got
- Nice to come back after break to a gift
- Cost \$306.96

3) Finances

General Fund: 1/14/21 \$1687.18

Income from spirit wear - \$342.00

Accountant Expense - \$550.00

January Teacher Gif Expense - \$306.96

BALANCE - \$1172.22

Support A Class - 1/14/21 - \$3509.84

New income - \$100.00

4) Fundraiser ideas

- Need to maintain a minimum balance of \$1000.00 in the account for next year.
- Teacher Appreciation Week and 5th Grade celebration are next two expenses
- Families are already stretched financially because of covid
- Focus on food fundraisers because everyone needs to eat
- Food fundraiser ideas:
 - Chipotle?- Feb 23rd
 - McDonalds?
 - Pizza Place -

- Applebees
- Chick-Fil-A - avoid because of exclusion of lgbtq families
- Panera - avoid because expensive and will not translate their flyer into Spanish
- BBQ Joint on Rt 50 - Michelle M connected with them through football
- Dairy Queen
- Jamie's pit beef - deliver the food, Venmo account, Michelle M will connect with him
- Playa Bowl - Fundraisers? - submitted

5) Teacher Appreciation Week Brainstorm - First week in May and 160 total staff in the building

- Storm and Daughters Hot Chocolate Boms - VINCE connected \$800.00 for 160 of them
- Storm and Daughters Ice cream Coupon and time frame for redeeming it during teacher appreciation week (Wednesday time frame and teachers can socialize in Thompson Park)
- Redbox coupon w popcorn and chocolate was a big hit last year
- CarWash for teachers
 - Inspirational messages with soap on cars on MONDAY
 - Wed/Thurs car wash
 - To do car wash on school grounds will need - head count, masks, towels, permission from board
 - Local business that would allow us to hook up to their water?
 - Used car lot at Hertrich?
 - Hertrich car was coupons - Tara Blades
- Happy Teacher Revolution - Todd, Lindsey, Contessa - new campaign to keep mental health of teachers going during the pandemic.
- Yoga class for teachers (In person or zoom - Vince knows zoom yoga teachers)
- Mid day snack cart was a big hit in the past

6) Community Art project with Art Academy/YMCA

- Lauren H reached out to Constance De Nero and Josepha Roe about creating some community art that commemorates this year (first year in our new school + covid)
- Constance through the Art Academy had the idea of puzzle pieces. Each kid would get one piece to decorate and then return to school. Constance would put them all together to create something to hang on the wall in the new school
- YMCA might also want to get involved and might have funding (Josepha)
 - One parent requested NO glitter being sent home
 - Theme and idea liked by everyone

7) PBIS - Katie Frase

- Less than 5 referrals all year so something about this year is working really well behaviorally
- PBIS team is looking deeply at what is really working this year
- Morning announcements that includes the positive referrals is PBIS and we need to start acknowledging our staff needs
- Parent help - need positive shout outs to teachers, IAs, bus drivers, custodians, specialists, and interventionists

- Email Dr. Devaric about the interactions (even if you don't have a name) so that the recognition happens
- Need the messaging to come from the PTO

8) Names for business bureau annual report - Anne, Katie, Jazmin ok to be added to the list with Lauren

9) Support A Class

- Teachers can send in requests at any time but they may be told that they have not yet been supported
- Program needs to be refreshed by the subcommittee
- Parents need reminders that they can support a teacher with any donation amount

10) Amazon wish list update

- Return to school brings new needs
- Teacher reminder to update list - Sherye
- Parent reminder to look at lists - Facebook

11) Facebook group update to parents

- Link to website
- Look at old facebook group and make sure people are not posting there