

# PTO Meeting 8/31/23 Minutes

## **Attendance:**

Leslie Hedges  
KerryBeth McNally  
Allyson Scheck  
Joanne Pischiera  
Kimberly Myers  
Brenda Buchweitz

Vicki Finsted  
Chris Bell  
Penny Bryant  
Brandi Taylor  
Lien Avila  
Katie Roth

## **OLD NEWS:**

- Introductions by board members Leslie, KerryBeth & Allyson
- New members welcomed. Discussed adding to FB planning group. Will try using ClassDojo for group messaging, will add a "PTO class" & add members to post announcements. Amazon gift card drawing- Cindy Stewart winner.
- Discussed Spirit Hero : flash sale results \$80 profit, regular store now open, can add more items- PJ pants?, other colors?. Can do another flash sale at any point. Can add 1 more logo/design for free. Also discussed a student design contest- may do that after the holiday season.
- HATS FOR SALE! Still lots left, fundraiser for 6th grade end of year, have sold 20 so far- \$100 to 6th grade.
- Spirit Sales: lots of labels, stickers left. Spent \$390 on spirit items. Sales since registration approx \$700. Includes hats & old spirit shirts. Most adult sizes left, \$5 each. Will offer adult sizes to staff members. Pura Vida bracelets 30% off this weekend- \$3.36 each. Have sold 13 so far. Sold in packs of 10. Order more- Originally decided to wait, but following days sold a few more so decided to order 20 more while still on sale.

## **NEWS TO DISCUSS:**

- Discussed the proposed calendar. Talked about different spirit nights. May add incentives for staff to attend. Missed many dominos nights, don't make much from TX RH. Added Whit's & Long Doggers new for this year. Brandi said Tuesdays at LD are busy, due to being T-shirt promos. Also, will be given a percentage of ALL sales, for the entire day. Made \$125 at 1st Whit's night. Will be adding more events, waiting for a calendar meeting with admin. Discussed adding grandparents breakfast or Donuts with Grownups, proposed by Mrs Gomez? Per Mrs Finsted, will hold off right now.

- Discussed liability Insurance policy is \$2603 this year. In 2020 was \$1109, 2021 was \$1480, 2022 was \$2058. Need to examine policy & make some changes. PTO Today plans include membership, ranging from \$435- \$829 per year. Need to look into to see if there is enough coverage at these rates. Will do this month as policy is up for renewal.
- Sign Gypsies- yard signs. Offer easy fundraiser, school pricing. Will get flyers from the company to send out. Next meeting will discuss if want to order discounted signs for events
- Silver Graphics- went over details. Art has already been started in class, Starter kit has been shipped. When it comes in, will need to get updated folders to Kern. As classes are finished, will need to make sure each piece of art is labeled correctly before it is sent off.
- Little Caesars Pizza Kits- brochures have arrived. Need to make flyers (Leslie). Volunteers needed to put packets together & get into the teacher's mailboxes by Weds/Thurs of next week. Sales start Monday 9/11. Mistake made with dates of sale on calendar. Paper orders will be due no later than 9/29. Online orders can be made until 10/1. Once we have a delivery date, will need to coordinate volunteers for sorting orders & delivering in the car loop after school.
- Memorial Garden area for staff members that passed last year. 4Cs nursery to donate plumeria. Memorial stone or sign- discussed that 1 stone will not work as will not be able to add a nice saying/poem like on other stones, plus add all 3 names. Discussed options, 1 stone & a small plaque?, but decided to get 2 similar stones- one with a remembrance poem & 1 with the names. Landscaping around tree- will look into landscaping rocks & border stones? Where to plant- will look into a few other areas as the original area has a large drainage grate.
- Beautification Projects
  - Allison's painting- commons, Media Center, Music Room, Cafeteria
    - Commons wall is almost finished. Looks fantastic! Will finish with students fingerprints next week. Will start on Media Center next with book characters
  - Leslie's daughter Kat has a proposed playground project for Girl Scout Gold Award- sensory walk, game stencils, blacktop revamp. Will be working with Mr J. Currently waiting on GS approvals to begin.
  - Any other beautification projects/ideas? Chris discussed adding epoxy/painted flooring in commons area. Will get some estimates. Vicki suggested also adding benches at perimeter of commons, along the walls.
- Goals for this year? What to spend fundraisers on?
  - Teacher & parent survey- items or events? Will put together surveys- make as quick & easy as possible, listing events/fundraisers, try to keep to yes or no questions & add comments optional.

- Science Lab- nothing needed right now, may look into this in future if school able to add science teacher for the lab
- Playground- inclusive for less-abled, may work with GS playground project- add Inclusive swings, change footing in Kdg playground?
- Outdoor classroom/seating area - discussed last year adding covered seating like a gazebo in the back corner of the playground. Will wait to get pricing until other beautification projects are completed.
- Mission Statement. On McAuliffe website under PTO tab: *“Our purpose is to positively impact the lives of our children by bringing parents, teachers and the community together to support children’s educational success.”* Add- Together we soar? Everyone seemed to like how this is worded and we will make this our mission statement.
- Roses- order for all success celebrations? Or just end of year ceremonies? Per Mrs Finsted, success celebrations may be changing so will wait on ordering at this point. Ideas for boys? Keeping at the same \$1 price point- Smencils? 50 for \$50 or by the case of 500 for \$300. Will not order Smencils at this time, will keep looking for other options- possibly a medal?
- Add Committee Chair positions? Community Outreach committee, Fundraising/Event committee, Hospitality Committee. With many new friends signed up & memberships paid, discussed adding committees to work with the board. Community Outreach would be in charge of reaching out to area businesses for donations. Fundraising or Event Committees to run individual events. Hospitality committee to put together staff meals/gifts/student rewards
- An idea was brought up about adding an “about me” type section on the pto part of the webpage for the teachers/staff. Will try to upload flyers by grade level. May also try to include any teachers’ amazon wishlists.
- Next meeting scheduled for **Weds, Sept 20th at 3:30pm**