



PTO Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Sept. 10, 2024, 3:30 pm

1. Call to Order @ 3:31 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. In attendance: Barbara Schaefer, Katrina McLaughlin, Arlene Kruser, Sara Erdmann, Amy Weicheck & Carly Bo-Hansen
3. Attendees
 - a. Theresa Meshes, Julie Kenny, Mrs. LeGrand & Dr. Mayer
4. Business
 - a. Correspondence
 - i. Thank you cards read from both schools signed by many teachers thanking the PTO for the teacher start up grants.
 - b. Treasurer Report
 - i. Current bank balance is \$12, 139.12 Deposit for adult fundraiser paid to Avante Banquets \$1868.40, Teacher start up grants \$2,250 & Cary Grove Computers domain/website hosting fee \$60.32. \$191.25 was deposited for PTO directory sales on 8/29 & 8/30.
 - c. Administration Reports
 - i. Dr. Mayer welcomed everyone back for the new school year and they are off to a great start thus far!
 - d. Liaison Updates
 - i. Ms. Bo-Hansen reporting for ARS: Getting back into the swing of things at ARS!
5. Action Item
 - a. Change in role for President of PTO
 - i. Barbara Schaefer has taken over as our PTO president for the 2024/2025 school year in place of Erin Jonas.
 - b. Teacher Grants
 - i. None this month.
 - c. Fundraiser Alternatives (Butter Braids and Perfect Pastries)
 - i. Theresa Meshes was given information on some possible fundraising opportunities for the 25/26 school year since this year is our final year of the PTO lottery.
 - d. Family Night Out (Skate Night)
 - i. All kindergarten through 8th graders and their families are welcome to join us for our back to school skate night on Sunday September 29th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Extreme Wheels in Crystal Lake. Admission is free, skate rental if needed is \$5 and skate mates can be

rented for \$6. Our Lottery winners will be announced that night as well!

- e. Fall Fun
 - i. PTO will reach out to see if anyone is available to run a game at the Fall Fun event & we will go from there.
 - f. Committees
 - i. Family Dance
 - ii. Daddy/Daughter
 - iii. Mother/Son
 - 1. After board discussion, we had decided to bring back and rename the following events: daddy/daughter dance & mother/son activity. They will now be a “VIP & Me” dance & activity, 2 separate events where any kindergarten through 5th grader can attend along with any adult in their life. There will be no family dance.
6. Event Reports
- a. Park Playdate (Meet the PTO)
 - i. We had a nice turn out for our meet the PTO park playdate. Thank you to Sweets & Treats for providing some yummy goodies to enjoy!
7. Ongoing Committee Reports
- a. After School Programming
 - i. Afterschool Art & Chess are being offered at ARS, see flyers on virtual backpack for more information.
 - b. Box Tops
 - i. \$47.80 per the Box Tops app. September Box Top’s challenge is to get as many supporters to join Box Tops & the 50 schools with the most completed monthly challenges get an additional 2500 Bonus Box Tops!
 - c. Directory
 - i. Pre-orders took place at the back to school nights with a good turn out and allowed individuals to add or update their directory information as well. A link to order directories will be available soon! So far there have been \$425 in ad sales and printing costs will be around \$360.25
 - d. Environmental Committee
 - i. Little Bite wrappers are still being collected at both schools. So far we have 1195 points and need 2500 points to send in the wrappers which equals to \$25. Barabara has reached out to Mr. Walton about starting up the Recycling Club again at ARS. Barbara is going to reach out to Dunk’n in FRG about a recycling opportunity through TerraCycle.
 - e. Local Merchant
 - i. Our August dine & share at Panera will be donating \$73.32 back to the PTO. Our September dine & share is at El Sombrero in FRG on 9/17 from 11am-9pm. 10% will be donated back to the PTO.
 - f. Lottery/Children’s Fundraiser

- i. Contact Theresa Meshes for more lottery tickets! So far 8th grade is in the lead with ticket sales. All sold & unsold tickets need to be sent back to the schools by 9/25. Winners will be picked on 9/29 at the skate night!
 - g. School Supply Kits
 - i. No update this month.
 - h. ARS Book Fair
 - i. Theresa Meshes is coordinating with Scholastic for the ARS book fair. More information is coming soon!
 - i. Bi-Monthly Family Activity
 - i. Feed My Starving Children 11/16 1:45pm-3:45pm see FRG PTO Facebook page for sign up link !
 - j. Website Administrator
 - i. Chad from Cary Grove Computers will be updating our website for free waving the \$375 fee. Thank you Chad for your generosity!
 - k. ARS Yearbook
 - i. Committee is planning via email. Board recommended holding off with ordering yearbooks till after spring break and delivery will be at the start of the next school year to include end of the year ARS activities like Fun Day.
 - 8. Board Comments
 - a. Ms.Weicheck wanted to inform the board of the ARS music concert dates 11/3 & 3/12 to possibly align with dine & share nights. Also she wanted to inform the board that the STEM room is available at ARS if we would like to move our 3:30 PTO meetings to ARS.
 - b. Katrina thanked Barbara for stepping up as president!
 - 9. Open Comments
 - a. None this month.
 - 10. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting is 10/8 at 7pm at the FRGMS
- Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm