

PTO Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Nov. 12, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order @ 3:30 pm
- 2. Roll Call
 - a. In Attendance: Barbara Schaefer, Katrina McLaughlin, Sara Erdmann, Amy Weicheck & Carly Bo-Hansen
- 3. Attendees
 - a. Mrs. McKenzie, Ms. Scherzer, Ms. Cox, Theresa Meshes and Amy Bunton
- 4. Business
 - a. Correspondence
 - i. None this month
 - b. Treasurer Report
 - i. Current bank balance is \$16,409.38 Debts include but not limited to lottery winners, reimbursement for skate night & stock the teacher lounge and directory printing. Deposits include but are not limited to El Sombrero dine & share, School Tool Box and lottery sales.
 - c. Administration Reports
 - i. Mrs. McKenzie reporting: 1st trimester ends Wednesday 11/13, report cards will be coming home 11/20 for ARS, mailed home for 5th graders, and posted to Powerschool for grades 6-8. Watch for sign up for conferences as well as a communications survey coming from Dr.Mayer.
 - d. Liaison Updates
 - i. None this month
- 5. Action Item
 - a. None this month
- 6. Event Reports
 - a. Family Night Board Games
 - i. Best turn out yet! Thank you to all who attended & thank you to Theresa Meshes for the pizza!
- 7. Ongoing Committee Reports
 - a. After School Programming
 - i. Currently art, chess and yoga/art are being offered at ARS. Recycle Club is going well at ARS too! Some ideas for after school activities include a garden club. Barbara discussed an after school

opportunity with an organization called Impact Kids who hosts enrichment after school activities. She will ask Impact Kids to create a survey to send to families to see what activities they might be interested in that would not conflict with what local organizations already offer. For example we wouldn't have after school basketball as it conflicts with FRG Rec Council. Watch for more information soon!

b. Box Tops

i. \$94.80 3rd grade is in the lead thus far! Join the November Box Tops Challenge for bonus Box Tops! Connect your Walmart account to Box Tops for more ways to earn money for our schools.

c. Environmental Committee

- i. The Recycle Club is going well thus far with 3rd & 4th graders. At the MS only 4 or 5 students were interested in the Recycle Club and Barbara is looking for additional help if anyone is willing to help! Katrina suggested Barbara reach out to Mr. Danely with the BETA Club since this could fall under the category of service.
- ii. Little Bites wrappers are still being collected at both schools.
- iii. New recycling opportunity with Dunkin and Dunkin 1 pound coffee bags. You can turn in the empty Dunkin ONLY coffee bags thru the drive thru for money for our schools.

d. Local Merchant

i. Today 11/12 El Sombrero dine & share all day, 10% will go back to the PTO. Dunkin in FRG every 1st Sunday of each month, 15% will go back to the PTO. October Noodles & Co dine & share made \$59.73 for the PTO. No money was made on our November dine & share at Freddy's in Crystal Lake.

e. Children's Fundraiser

i. Theresa has been working hard on gathering information and administration approval for a fun run/walk a thon in the spring! Most likely this will take place during the PE classes at ARS & FRGMS. If you would like to help make this fundraiser a success please reach out to frg.pto.pres@gmail.com

f. School Supply Kits

i. School Tool Box will be our supply kit vendor for the 25/26 school year. Christine Curtis will reach out to staff in February to request updated school supply lists from teachers to be returned by April.

g. ARS Book Fair

i. Scholastic Book fair will be 11/20-11/26 at ARS. If you would like to volunteer please visit the PTO website for details. Information about the book fair will be coming home in backpack mail soon!

h. FRGMS Book Fair

i. No update this month

i. VIP & Me Activity

i. Amy Bunton has proposed to do a VIP & Me Dodgeball game on a weekend in January at ARS gym. She has already reached out to Mr. Walton regarding this idea & he is on board. This activity should stay well under the budget. Caregiver & child would be on a team together. Community volunteers will be needed to help referee games, snacks, photographer, check in, first aid & DJ. If you would like to help with the new idea please reach out to frg.pto.pres@gmail.com

j. Fun Day

i. Fun Day will be Thursday May 29, 2025. Committee is looking for monetary donations from local businesses to help offset the costs of fun day. Scheduled relay races & field games per grade level new this year! The FRG firetruck will be back!

k. Bi-Monthly Family Activity

i. Next family activity is Feed My Starving Children on Saturday November 16th 1:45 pm-3:45 pm in Libertyville. Sign up for anyone ages 5 years and older using the QR code on the Facebook page or PTO website.

8. Board Comments

- a. Sara Erdmann thanked Theresa Meshes for helping her clean & organize the PTO shed.
- b. Night On The Town update from Jamie Dimmick read by Barbara Night on the Town is February 21st 6-10pm at Avante in FRG. Registration flyer will be sent home with students the week before Thanksgiving break via backpack mail. Tickets will go on sale 11/29-12/20 with an early bird price of \$45 per person that include Chicago style snack buffet, soft drinks & coffee and \$20 in \$1 raffle tickets. The price will increase to \$50 per person after the 20th of December and will include all the same but only \$10 in raffle tickets. District 3 staff early bird pricing is \$25 per person and includes Chicago style buffet, soft drinks & coffee and \$20 in \$1 raffle tickets. Staff price increases to \$35 after 12/20.

9. Open Comments

a. None this month.

10. Announcements

a. Next meeting is 12/10 at 7pm at the FRGMS