



PTO Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Feb. 16, 2021, 3:45pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order; By President Katrina McLaughlin @3:48 pm
2. Roll Call; By Secretary Sara Erdmann
 - a. In attendance: Katrina McLaughlin, Julia Navik Gutierrez, Theresa Meshes, Sara Erdmann, Kim Scherzer & Karli Kurschardt
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes; January meeting minutes were approved via email & posted on the website
4. Business
 - a. Correspondence; Sara Erdmann
 - i. Thank you card signed by a ton of district 3 staff thanking the PTO for the holiday gift.
 - b. Treasurer Report; Theresa Meshes
 - i. Current bank balance available funds is \$9,062.64. We had the following debts from the account this past month: January lottery winners, monthly zoom, accounting software and a teacher grant and a large deposit from the lottery ticket sales. We are doing well from a financial standpoint thus far.
 - c. Administration Reports; Dr. Mahaffy; Dr. Ozimek; Mrs. McKenzie
 - i. Mrs. McKenzie reporting for the district: The majority of staff received their first dose of the COVID vaccine on Friday February 12th in Huntly & will receive their 2nd dose on Friday March 12th. 83% of staff will be fully vaccinated after March 12th. Having staff vaccinated and along with current health metrics data we are moving in the right direction to full in person learning. The earliest this would occur would be Tuesday April 6th. State assessments-at this time the ISBE is required to give the annual assessment (IAR) to students however the state board superintendent requested a waiver this year due to COVID stating that she feels it is more important to focus on in person learning rather than the assessment. District 3 will keep parents informed regarding the IAR testing that may or may not take place this school year and if we do it would not be till after spring break. School picture day for in person students is Tuesday February 23rd for both schools . For fully remote learners, students may come to their school between 11 and

noon on the 23rd to have their pictures taken. (MS students must have their picture taken at the MS & ARS students must have their picture taken at ARS) Information was sent out to MS families today regarding the school play for this year.

- d. Liaison Updates; ARS Miss Scherzer and Miss Kurschardt; MS Mrs. Carr
 - i. Miss Kurchardt reporting for ARS: Email has been sent to staff regarding anyone who can donate a talent, basket etc for Spring Fling.
 - ii. No update from the FRGMS.
 - e. Grade Representative Updates
 - i. No updates this month.
5. Action Items
- a. Teacher Grant Request
 - i. Our first request was from Krista Behrens for all of 3rd grade. The request was for items for the very popular shark week! They will be using almost all of the supplies from last year however need to replace some of the consumables & want to make sure the remote kids feel included. The request is for balloons for remote learners & the classroom as well as party favors totalling \$58.00. This request was approved by a board vote of 4 to 0.
 - ii. Our second request was from Karli Kuschardt, 3rd grade, for the book Hidden Figures, STEM resources & packet called Black American Inventors from Teachers Pay Teachers totalling \$59.00. These supplies will be used for her current 3rd grade then available for future 3rd graders as well. The board approved this request 4 to 0.
6. Event Reports
- a. La Pizza Via Dine n Share
 - i. Thank you to all who participated in our January Dine & share night. \$236.00 was donated back to the PTO.
7. Ongoing Committee Reports
- a. After School Programming
 - i. Kelly has requested enrollment updates from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions & also put out a request to I hear yoga to see about offering a virtual yoga class.
 - b. ARS Book Fair
 - i. Book Fair will be online only this year. Scholastic did mention an outdoor sale, but the logistics of it just doesn't seem feasible for our school. We will try our best to promote and spread the word about the ARS book fair as much as possible to have a successful sale.
 - c. Box Tops
 - i. Please turn in any clipped Box Tops to the Fox River Grove Memorial Library by Friday February 26th to be included in our spring

submission. Thank you to everyone who has continued to scan their receipts for box tops.

d. Daddy/Daughter Activity

- i. The committee is getting creative with ideas for an activity or dance for the girls. A few ideas were a scavenger hunt around town, zoom dance party or outdoor dance at Picnic Grove Pavilion and renting tents to insure social distancing can be maintained. More information will be available at a later time.

e. Environmental Committee

- i. Thank you to Mrs. McDonald for storing the caps for the bench!

f. Fifth Grade Activity

- i. The committee has thought of a fun, outdoor activity for the 5th graders. Sledding at Barbary Hill. Hot Coco, water & prepackaged snacks will be provided. Students will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The committee was hoping to do this in the next couple weeks while we still have snow on a Thursday at 4pm for about 90 minutes. The committee will be asking for parent volunteers to help out at the event. More information will be coming soon. The PTO board feels since the event is outdoors, masks will be worn and social distancing will be enforced that this will be a good “test” outing/activity for students to participate in.

g. Fun Day

- i. If anyone has any creative ideas for the Fun Day Committee please let us know. Although Fun Day is typically in May, we wanted to get people thinking about what options might be available then. Unsure of where we will be with school (hybrid, full day etc) in May however we hope that we can provide some sort of “fun day” for the students.

h. Local Merchant

- i. Today Tuesday February 16th from 11 to 8pm at the Culver’s in Fox River Grove, mention fundraiser upon ordering for 15% of your purchase donated back to the PTO.

i. Lottery Fundraiser

- i. Lottery sales so far are \$3,720.00. The next drawing will be Friday February 26th.

j. Mother/Son Activity

- i. No ideas as of yet, possibly might do a scavenger hunt type outing. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or would like to help out on this committee please contact Katrina & she can get you in touch with the Mother/Son committee.

k. Spring Fling

- i. The Spring Fling at Home event is coming together nicely thanks to Julia & Katrina. Katrina is helping get the website set up. Karli is

assisting with gathering items from the teachers at ARS. Nicole Steeves mentioned that the library can be a pick up location for prizes won from the event. Please make sure to “like” the Spring Fling Facebook page to stay up to date on announcements regarding Spring Fling 2021 at home!

- l. ARS Yearbook
 - i. No updates this month.
 8. Board Comments
 - a. We do have an individual who will run our elections in May. Look for more information soon if you would like to be added to the ballot.
 - b. Backpack mail is now allowed for students at the schools. This is great info to help promote local merchant events and upcoming PTO events.
 9. Open Comments
 - a. None at this time.
 10. Announcements
 - a. Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 16th at 3:45pm via zoom
- Meeting Adjourned at 4:32pm