



John G. Prendergast School PTO

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February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Nicole Childs Jaffer, Stacey Esposito, Krystle Mott, Janessa Bennett, Principal Nimons (present) Sign in Sheet used via chat

6:35pm meeting called to order by President

- **Welcome and Introductions of the New Board**
 - Introduction of the new 2021 PTO Board. The vacant Treasurer position to be voted in.
- **Vacant Board Position –Treasurer**
 - Janessa Bennet was nominated as Treasurer. Motion was made by President, Seconded by VP to approve nomination of Janessa Bennett. Janessa accepted the nomination and was voted in as Treasurer to join the remaining Board
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Secretary Opening Statement**
 - Explained the minutes and that they will be posted on the PTO site and eventually emailed to parents
 - **Treasurers Opening Review of last month(s)**
 - In process of changing over the bank accounts to the new Board Members who have not yet had full access to the accounts.
 - Rachael Buchanan (prior Board President) advised that the statements are sent to the School, last statement from December showed \$24,919.00
 - Allotment for staff is coming- we are determining the amount we can fund at this time and hope to provide more once we are able to review the finances and create the budget
- **Principal Nimons /Vice Principal Coppola Corner**
 - February 11th is District Wide Dress Down Day for Heart Disease, encouraging RED to be worn
 - Wrapping up the FUN Pasta Fundraiser- that was sponsored by the School
 - Appreciates the Allotment for staff, staff will be appreciative and needed
 - Provided guidance on COVID19 restrictions in the school in terms of fundraising ideas and food
 - Would love to a Fun Day again (if we can) when the time comes
- **Recap of Prior Events**
 - Wrapped up Lyman Orchard Pie Sale- still need to obtain exact amount raised
 - Wrapped up the Scholastic Book Fair (online) not great participation, hoping for more this Spring - need to obtain exact amount raised
- **Upcoming Events**



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- Decorating Entry Way for Valentine's Day with balloon arch on 2/16 due to School Break and Quarantined Classrooms. Valentine Lollipops were suggested but decided against Valentine's fundraiser due to timing and restrictions in place
- Braided Breads and Rolls will start 2/22, pick up on 3/5 at the school. We will need parent volunteers to help sort and pass out products - notices are going to the classrooms shortly to be sent home
- Scholastic Book Fair will be set up for 3/25 to be online again
- Monthly Dine Out Restaurant Fundraiser- starting with HUB this month and then Italian Pavillion.
 - Provided many other suggestions for future nights (Moes, Panera, Copper City, Crave, Wayback Burgers)
- Yearbook-Lifetouch
 - The Yearbook has not been started as of yet. Students have not had school photos due to school closure, hoping for Spring photos but not certain when those will be completed and if they would be completed in time for the yearbook. Yearbook Club normally helps with the creation of the yearbook, but not aware that was set up this year due to COVID19.
 - Discussed a 6th grade book or other options instead (slideshow or photobook were suggested)
- **Looking Ahead**
 - St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser, ideas needed
 - Flower Sale for Mother's Day – use city greenhouse for flowers and obtain a coupon for families to use
 - Easter – Easter Bunny visit classrooms or out at drop off
 - School Easter Egg Hunt- PTO offered to help and parents volunteered (Emily, Miran, Tiffany and PTO Board) to fill eggs at home. Eggs more than likely will be given to each class to distribute /hide as they see fit
 - Facebook and email accounts remain the same, encouraged to use as a means for communication
 - Going to be sending home Membership form to get email addresses and volunteer information, will also post to Facebook. Form can be sent to the PTO or emailed
 - Teacher Appreciation Week (May) plan for 100 staff, per Mrs. Nimons. Can set up food in the teacher lounge, within COVID19 guidelines. Possibly set up breakfast (bagels/donuts/coffee) from Panera, or indivual wrapped cookies, ice cream or food truck. Perhaps themed week with goodies, if we can
 - Fun Day at the end of the year, we will revisit closer and determine what we can and cannot do due to COVID19. Mrs. Card does Field Day with the children at the Nature Center, PTO donates water/watermelon .

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm, NEXT MARCH 2ND 2021 AT 6:30PM VIA Google Meeting



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