

March 2nd 2021 Prendergast PTO Meeting Minutes

*PTO Board Present (Nicole Childs Jaffer, Stacey Esposito, Janessa Bennet and Krystle Mott)
Parent /Guardian Attendance taken via chat function; Vice Principal John Coppola and President
and Treasurer of Mead Elementary PTO*

Meeting Called to Order By President, Nicole at 6:32pm

(Some stated they could not access the google meeting this time)

Committee Reports

Treasurers Opening Review of last month(s) - Janessa Benet

- \$24,514.26 in PTO bank account as of the meeting date
- Budget Created for remainder of School Year \$8,000 approximately
- Staff allotment sent via email on 3/1. Staff have begun to request funds

Principal Nimons /Vice Principal Coppola Corner- John Coppola Vice Principal Present

- Early Dismissal Days; March 17 and 18th for Teacher Conferences (still virtual)
- No School 3/19 for Professional Development Day
- Read Across America Week being celebrated in School
- Progress Reports being emailed Friday March 5th
- School Photos will be taken April 5th and 6th -notice to be sent home as to class schedule
- School will continue in the four days in /one day virtual Model until after April break so staff can be vaccinated

New Business

Teacher Liaison/Committee Head -

- Suggestion of creating a Teacher Liaison and Committee Head to provide a tie breaking vote and assist with fundraising. Darci OBrien to be Teacher Liaison and one Parent from K-3 and one from 4-6th . Nicole Jaffer explained her idea further upon questioning
- Members suggested the PTO members vote if there needs to be a tie and perhaps a Fundraising/Volunteer Committee

Recap of Prior Events

- Decorated Entry Ways for Valentine Day and passed out lollipops
- Scholastic Book Fair did not fair well in the Fall. It was decided that it would be revisited next Fall 21' when we can have it in person. Members agreed it would be a better showing in person

Upcoming Events

- MCM Butter Braid Breads- Mailers sent home Feb 22nd (online) orders being picked up 3/25 at School 5:30-7:30pm
- **Restaurant Fundraisers:**
 - March 7th at the HUB, flyers went home, posted to social media and School Email
 - April 19th- Italian Pavillon
 - May- ChargedAnsonia
 - Teacher Teas were a hit, everyone loved them
- Smencils were sold for St. Patricks' Day and delivered March 19th \$1/each
- Snacks and drinks to be left for Staff as appreciation

- Easter- April 1 the Easter Bunny will visit each class, Nicole will assist and candy guessing game
- There will be no official Yearbook due to the pandemic and timing. Some parents raised the idea of a photo book/collage. Assistance perhaps with Emmitt OBrien School (Mary Benjamin) and contacting Arrow Printers (Miran and Emily). John Coppola, VP, suggested creating a committee for year-end activity for sixth grade

Looking Ahead

- Sprit Weeks, with Ansonia Gear Dress Down Day, this was just a thought
- Fun FUN/5k with Mead School (with AnsoniaStrong Tshirt) - John Coppola thinks its great idea, but will need a lot of planning and coordination due to COVID. We will need BOE approval, City Approval and assistance Perhaps using Noal Field or the HS or even staggered times. Also, can think of doing it virtually on the same day to maintain distance. Thoughts on teaming up with Mead as a join function. Can perhaps do at the beginning of the New School Year. We will continue to revisit and think through
- Mother's Day Plant Sale- Mead PTO suggested contacting Marcuccio Gardens on Benz for assistance, Stacey Esposito VP will contact
- Teacher Appreciation Week- May, going to reach out to AM Bagel for bagels, possibly cookies for staff
- Fun Day- still up in the air as to what we can and cannot do due to COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm , next meeting will be April 6th