

# PTO GENERAL MEETING

## AGENDA

Monday, February 22, 2024  
10:00 AM

- I. Call to Order & Welcome – 10:04 AM
- II. President’s Report (Sarah T)
  - Updates since Nov and upcoming events:
    - i. Cookie share in DEC – went great, nice job and tons of cookies
    - ii. Dineouts – awaiting update on results from these, anticipating funds soon
    - iii. Outdoor School
      - Ms. Pearl & Ms. Sebastian leading this year for 6<sup>th</sup> graders
      - Sara Salie (6<sup>th</sup> grade mom) is going to be Coordinator
        - a. Looking into possible spirit wear – tshirts/sweatshirts, aiming for delivery before event
      - DATE: April – week after spring break (Tue – Fri)
  - ODS Spirit Wear for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - i. Still need a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coordinator
  - Spring Conference Meals
    - i. Kat Rosenbaum to chair
    - ii. No change in schedule for conferences due to weather closures
  - Other Schedule changes:
    - i. Last day of Quarter 2 is 2/1/24 now. Last day of school is 6/14 and planning for last day events will be pending finalization of revised school calendar. School board meeting tonight will help inform. meeting
  - Spring Dance
    - i. Details and date TBD, have someone interested in chairing and Sarah will follow up. Event is budgeted.
    - ii. Principal McCarney brought up again the option of an after school event – event would have a different vibe, maybe a bit more

relaxed and easier for some to attend. Bonus is more school/adult resources on hand. Planners to consider options.

- **Dine Out Nights:**

- i. December report out
- ii. Upcoming dine out nights - Grace checking on Linn City Pub

### **III. Treasurer's Report (Grace)**

- No big updates on budget/spending. Teachers are submitting reimbursement requests, and employer matches likely to come in for March
- Discussion with Principal McCarney about teacher/staff funding asks:
  - i. Weight equipment ask (update) Phys Ed has maxed out reimbursement (has individual request amount of \$200 remaining) may be looking at school funding. Its likely around \$600 ask. Encouraged exploration of options from school, ask to PTA (above individual teacher allocation if already used). Discussion of charging for spring dance (worked well for fall).
  - ii. Encouraged spring planning for following year, spot/one off requests. Principal McCarney supports. Discussion and plan for Grace to develop/dust off Trillium form to share with Principal Mc to send out to teachers for planning for following year AND reminder of reimbursements to close out the year.

### **IV. Career Day – 2/7/24**

- Chairs: Amanda Kotlyar & Thomas Frank
- Grace mentioned Kalinda needs layout (Amanda on it)
- Amanda shared a PPT update on event – planning going well
  - Volunteer roles – doing well filling out, could use some more real life simulations (have 7 to 8, nice to have a few extra – 5+ or so)
  - Need one more on planning committee member as Amanda will be OOO for the actual day and have identified a potential person to help on the day.
  - Supplies – Amanda set for ordering this week from Amazon for delivery to school

- Maxed out for mock interviewers, 32 exhibitors, have helpers for night before set up and we have fall back of National Honor Society for set up (but Bernie is a wonder!)
- Exhibitors – have 32 (last year was 28) - examples
  - Comic book editor
  - Nurse anesthetist
  - Software engineer
  - Youtube
  - Wealth management
  - Librarians
  - District technical educators
  - Trade apprenticeship programs
  - ROTC
  - Independent astrodynamics consultant
  - Real estate agent
- Amanda – will share PowerPoint and add a bit about looking for next committee members (Frank moving to Athey)
- Exhibitors – exempt from background check, but need to check in as visitor
- Interviewers and others will get instructions in advance of event; materials and checklist / playbook in the Cloud for future career days
- THANK YOU AMANDA AND FRANK AND VOLUNTEERS!

## **V. Principal's Report (Ms. McCarney)**

- Schedule updates due to school closure: overall relief end of semester moved dates
- Held a school stand up meeting to address bomb threat (see district email). Police involved and WLPD support here for school. Middle school assessment and protocols in place, there is support for the student as well as other students who expressed concern and fear as a result of the news. Ongoing work on racial issues, both to address any incidents AND support students and educators of color and make sure they are

supported. Principal McC also addressed ongoing work to help teachers address racism directly, to get comfortable addressing.

- i. Discussion around how no kids signed up for SOC affinity group and how students may not want to stand out, working on options to make access and participation easy.
- ii. This year taking a more direct approach – suspension for use of racial slurs, instead of first step restorative justice. Principal McC confirmed that parents ARE informed about any issue with racial slur, hate speech, bias, discrimination.
- iii. Difficulties with teachers not feeling empowered because of debate/controversy around CRT
- iv. Also discussion about need to educate re social media use, ramifications and what they are exposed to re tik tok, youtube, etc.
  - Amanda Stein/Trillium event on social media for kids (was more focused on branding for kids). Discussion about Screenagers – possible options for screening, district or school funding, possible presentation from SRO or WLPD. Examples around fake accounts, social media traps / ramifications.
  - Athey Creek did prior screening of Screenagers – Sara T will research and see about possible joint options
  - Principal McC also noted looping in RR Teen Library for another way to help educate kids

## **VI. New Business**

- Banner: approved per Principal McC; Charity asked about Earth Week – Principal McC encouraged focus on Earth Day and reach out to science teachers to see about need for activities, in classroom options. Maybe not directly aligned with Rosemont Gives Back events
- Parent involvement for yearbook

## **VII. Q&A**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

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