

February PTO Minutes

Date: 2-3-22

Time: 7:02PM

In Attendance: Lauren Longenecker, Bre Jackson, Crystal Schaffer, Amanda Sharp, Taryn Robbins, Caroline Ameisen, Brenda Boyer, Rhonda Andrews, Christine McCormick, Michelle McClure, Tobery Green, Jessica Leisey

Called To Order: Lauren Longenecker

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Secretary Report: Approved by: Caroline Ameisen

Seconded: Taryn Robbins

Treasure Report: Christine McCormick

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Business:

- Friendship Grams Due Friday Feb 11. Will be distributed Feb 14
- Yearbook- Pto will gift every fourth grader a yearbook, Link to purchase yearbooks will be coming out soon, 4th grade families only can add a message to their 4th grader at the cost of \$5 per message, this can be done through the Balfour site and information on how to do so will be in the email/paper coming home to students. Offers to help with the yearbook from Jessica Leisey and Taryn Robbins.
- Conference Meals- The PTO will be sending out a sign up genius to have families help provide the conference dinner for Staff on Thursday February 17. We will provide a meal of Soup, Salad, Bread, Desserts, and drinks.
- Race For Education- This has been done the last 2 years in October, the pto board decided to push it to the spring this year to allow more time for planning. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, our goal this year is to work toward an outdoor learning classroom. The kick off for Race will be on April 1, the students will view a slide show in their classrooms to explain race, and what they need to do to prepare for it. The children will Walk on Thursday May 12.
- Race Shirts: Each year the PTO gives each student a t-shirt to wear for Race, field day, spirit days etc. We are currently looking for sponsors to add to the back of the shirts that will help pay for the shirts as well. This year we will be doing white shirts with black writing, and the students will tie dye the shirts with their teachers in their classroom. Each grade is given a color.
- Teacher Appreciation: This takes place May 2-6. The PTO is working on different ideas and special events to take place throughout the week to celebrate our staff.
- Elves Workshop: Each student was given 2 art projects to make in their classrooms, if the student was not there the project went home with them. A big THANK YOU to Jamie Smith for organizing and making this a successful event!
- Square One: There were a few small kinks, but everything was able to be worked out and all items were received. School orders seem to come more promptly than at home orders. THANK YOU Caroline Ameisen and Mrs. Knorr!

- Muffins/Donuts: At this time we are working on coming up with a way to replace Muffins with Mom, and Donuts with this dad for this year. We are looking into more of a family night that can be done outside to safely follow Covid protocols.
- Family Social: We will be having a skating event at Junior Skateaway in Reading. This will be done with the other elementary centers in our district. PTO has covered the admission for this event. Families will need to pay for skate rentals \$3, you can bring your own skates. This event will take place on Friday March 11 at 7pm. There is a limit of 100 people, a sign up will go out and it will be a first come first serve basis.
- Book Fair: This will take place Feb 14-17, students will visit the book fair on their library day. It will also be open during conferences and will close up at 7pm on February 22.
- Reading Royal Event: We are to receive \$5 per ticket sold, waiting to hear from them on what we made from this event.
- Moes: Made \$140, THANK YOU!
- JB Sports: Our spirit wear sales brought in \$304.
- Raffle: 2,108.44 THANK YOU!
- Fundraisers: Working on setting up a Twin Valley Coffee fundraiser which will be all online sales that are sent directly to the person who orders. Possibly working on another fundraiser evening, or nothing bundt cake to end out the year.

Principal Corner:

- Mrs. Boyer will be opening up the opportunity for community members to set up tables during conferences.
- Random Acts Of Kindness week will take place Feb 14-18, a bingo game of random acts of kindness will come home with each student for them to complete and return for a prize.
- Kids Heart Challenge is happening now through February 18. Last year we ranked 6 out of 75 in regional schools, and 4th out of 20 in berks county.
- February 21 is a snow make up day
- Kindergarten registration: Begins March 1. HBEC will be doing a kindergarten round up again this year; it will take place on May 6 and/or 17. Bags will be given to all incoming Kindergartners filled with items they can use to help prepare them for kindergarten.
- TVMS PIC has reached out to say 3 of their 4 officers will be moving onto the High School at the end of this year and they are looking for officers for the next year.

Teachers Corner

- One School One Book: Mrs. Mc Clure will be doing this again this year. Every family will receive a book and a schedule of what they are to read together as a family each night. She will have trivia questions for students to answer, and some activities in the classroom. All teachers and aides will receive the book as well so everyone in the school will be reading, this allows for lots of talk about the book throughout the school as everyone reads together.

- Fourth grade just completed robots in library, they made sleds for their robots and had to make stops at 3 houses to deliver presents, this was really something the students enjoyed and had fun with.
- Third Grade created timelines for their biography projects they have been working on.
- The Fourth graders have the opportunity to take turns in being news anchors for the morning announcements, they are learning to interview staff. Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Boyer commented it's fun to see their confidence and leadership skills.

Parents Corner

- Parent asked about the Library reading Mural, and Mrs. McClure said they are still working on it and to keep filling out your reading forms.
- Parent asked about sports teams being able to come set up for conference night and Mrs. Boyer said that would be fine.
- Jessica Leisey mentioned that the Lancaster Barnstormers have a reading program that the school can sign up for. Mrs. Boyer is looking into it.
- Possible Reading Phillies game night with the other 2 elementary schools.
- Parent asked about field trips: At this time outdoor field trips are allowed. Kinder went to the apple orchard. Fourth grade is scheduled to go to French Creek Friday May 13. As of now there are no other field trips on the calendar.
Another parent suggested looking into Elmwood Zoo as it is equipped for field trips.

Meeting was call to close by Lauren Longenecker at 7:55

Next Meeting March 3- Board Nominations and RACE for Ed will be our main focus