

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

## PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO President, Emma Faasse, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

### President's Report

- October minutes approved, by **Jennifer Lim and Shab Benz**
- **Dr. Postma** was in attendance and wished everyone happy holidays.
- **Thank you's**
  - Thank you to the craft fair committee (Ashley Bell and Lindsay Peckis) and all the volunteers. The event was a success.
- **Important Dates:**
  - Used Toy Drive – 12/9
  - Pizza Love Fundraiser – 12/14
  - Coolidge Acts of Kindness tracker due – 12/20
  - Next PTO Meeting – 1/12 @ 9:15AM
- **Ongoing:**
  - **Spirit Wear Store.**
    - Just a reminder that all orders are processed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. From there, delivery is supposed to take about 4 weeks. As I'm sure you've all heard, the country appears to be in a global supply chain crisis and some orders have been arriving later than the estimated 4 weeks. Hold tight and we promise to let you know as soon as your order is ready to be picked up. Thanks for supporting the PTO.

### Treasurer Report (Kristina Fulco)

- Overview of current finances was reviewed.
- The scholastic dollars earned from the book fair will be gifted to the teachers.
- A check was received for last year's book tops for \$378.40!
- Working on expenses from the holiday craft fair. No expenses last month.
- Wish list items were reviewed.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Kelly Hartevelde & Lauren Kavanagh)

- **Fundraisers:**
  - Box tops – download the app on your phone; easy way to make money by scanning your grocery store receipt.
  - Pizza love fundraiser on 12/14.
  - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (chocolate bars with a golden ticket) will be sold, details to follow.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report (Mrs. Needleman)**

- Thanks to the media volunteers, there are still a few open spots. The kids are loving the new books and happy holidays to all.

### **Economy Shop Report (Jennifer Feliciano and Erica Jalil)**

- Encouraged everyone to come to the store, there is lots of stuff for all. It's also a good way for kids to finish their holiday shopping.
- Coolidge's volunteer weeks are Jan 4-8, Mar 1-5, Aril 26-30, Jun 7-11; training will be provided.
- Each time a Coolidge parent volunteers, a portion of money raised will go to Coolidge.

### **Green Team (Jennifer Feliciano and Erica Jalil)**

- There are 86 green team ambassadors signed up.
- Tomorrow (12/9) the team will be collecting used toys (plastic – so they can be cleaned) for Second Chance Toys, which helps keep plastic out of the landfills while providing fun to children in need.

### **Theme Day Reps (Shab Benz and Cara Goodrich)**

- April 1<sup>st</sup> the PTO will take over the school with the theme, Road Trip USA. Volunteers needed to decorate the classrooms; still in need of about 4-5 rooms. The entire event is run by parents. Please consider volunteering as soon as possible! Please reach out if you want to be paired up with others.

### **Principle Update (Robert Famularo)**

- Welcomed everyone and hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Hannukah and has a wonderful remainder of the holiday season.
- Mr. George (head custodian) is retiring. He will be formally thanked and given a proper send off.
- Thanks to the green team, it's nice to see the signs posted in the trails.
- Mrs. Mapes and Mr. Famularo hosted coffee with the principle on how we can help students thrive post pandemic. It's an informal conversation to discuss the struggles but also focus on the positives. Students need independence but often are not ready. Parents need to be a good role models. Decision making becomes more complex and will come up. Role playing can be helpful for new situations. Routines and structure are very important. Challenges are being faced with social media, Netflix, video games, etc. parents are encouraged to set limits, it's not easy, but will pay off. Another session for K-2 will be held tomorrow at 9a.
- Student council is in full swing and are having a drive for special services in Ridgewood – collecting cash and target gift cards.
- School wide meeting was held, the greeting was read by the safety patrol and shared safety tips and helpful reminders.
- Along with the kindness tracker, we should have students focus on what they give to their community, family and friends.
- Report cards for grades 1-5 will be available on December 17<sup>th</sup>, on genesis.

- 5<sup>th</sup> grades will have a soloist showcase, usually at the mall, but due to covid will be done on the black top, on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The chorus winter concert will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>, limited to 2 guest per family, a recording will be shared.
- Parking lot – thanks for not driving around cones, and not double parking. Please police yourself!
- We want to be back to normal, but cases are on the rise, please be mindful of protocols, stay the course and be vigilant.
- Wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and new year!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kristina Fulco and Tracy Golin

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Megan King  
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