

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING AGENDA
November 16, 2017 – 7:10 pm – Student Dining Room

WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA

- Sign in
- PTO registration – form or online
- Introductions

STUDENT REPORTS

- Student Council (Advisors) – Student Rep. Emma Santoro
 - The student council along with NJHS collected donations for Veterans. The homeroom that brought in the most donations will get soft pretzels.
 - The first student council social was a big success. Suggested that in the future there only be one event in the DJ room.
 - Could the PTO supply an Ice cream bar at the next event? (PTO approved). The next social will be in March.
 - \$469 profit from event for the Student Council.
 - December 8th the Student Council will have a PJ Day to benefit CHOP. Wear your PJs and donate \$1. There will be hot chocolate and munchkins.
- NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Mrs. Mellor (Teacher Rep) – not in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Pursell (Reading Specialist) & Mrs. Payne (Gifted Support)
 - Unity week - \$2,000 raised from walk-a-thon. These funds go to support educational events for students.
 - Thank you to the PTO for helping with the PE uniforms
 - Geography Bee first round complete. Wednesday is the second round.
 - Can the PTO purchase T-shirts for Geography Bee? Needed in January, 12 shirts total. (PTO approved)
- Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas
 - Picture retake Nov. 17th.
 - 6th grade conferences – 6th graders will be dismissed at 11:15 Friday, Monday, and Tuesday. 7th and 8th grade will have a regular schedule.
 - Wed. November 22nd - 11AM dismissal for all students.
 - Nov 27th no school.
 - Dec 7th there will be course selection for 8th graders at PHE East 6:30. There will be a presentation in the auditorium. In the gym they display the different offerings across the curriculum with an opportunity to ask questions.
 - Dec 13th winter concert - first concert in new auditorium.

- 8th grade trip to the HS Dec 19th (tent). Short presentation at East and West and the students will get a tour. About 2 hours in total. More details to follow.
- Asst. Principal's Report – Mr. Rebh
 - No report at this time.

SPECIAL REPORT

- Report on the 2018 Musical - Amy Nolan
 - This year's play will be Oklahoma.
 - You can still try out if you missed the first informational meeting. See Mr. Davis for the paperwork.
 - 7th and 8th grade girls will try out Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
 - Wednesday is 6th grade girls and all boys.
 - Stage crew does not have to audition.
 - Rehearsals every day after school from 3 to 5. Details about rehearsals will be communicated soon.
 - Shows will be March 9th at 7:30 and March 10th 2:30 and 7:30 with a cast party between the 2 shows.
 - Anyone can volunteer to help – you do not need to have a child in the play. There are a lot of ways to help.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- VP/Fundraising – Sue Deutsch
 - Restaurant nights being planned for after concerts.
 - Winter concert selling snacks/ice cream in the vestibule after the concert instead of choosing an outside location.
 - Something will be planned for each month.
 - Vince's will be around the play weekend in March.
- VP/Communications – Shana Hastings
 - Please check the PTO page for a wealth of information. On the Pennwood Middle School homepage there is a button for "PTO". Any questions you have will most likely be answered there.
 - We also have an active facebook page.
 - You can also email ptopennwood@gmail.com.
- Recording Secretary – Sharon Bove
 - No report at this time
- Treasurer – Corri Workman
 - The PTO agreed to supply the choral department with 76 orange clip-on ties that will stay at school to be used this year and into the future. The cost is \$600.
- PAC Representative – Tabitha Peters – not in attendance

COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Chik-Fil-A calendars for sale \$10 starts January.
- Extra Kid Stuff books still for sale.
- Some Spiritwear left for purchase - cash and carry.
- Book Fair/Scholastic Dollars – Shana Hastings
 - Book Fair went well – we collected scholastic dollars and made \$3500. This money is split up for the LEA teachers to purchase books for their classrooms.
 - We need someone to run the Book Fair in the Spring for our annual BOGO event. It is usually scheduled at the end of May. If no one can run the event it will have to be cancelled. Please consider helping out. The exact date of the sale can be coordinated with your schedule. If you have never run a Book Fair you will have support! Please contact us right away if you are interested.
- Family Pasta Night – Shana Hastings
 - This successful event sold out early with 50 to 60 people on the waiting list.
 - \$3,000 was raised for the Luke's Hero in Me Foundation.
 - Feedback: Great way to mingle with other families. Lots of people were there from outside of Pennwood.
 - Student Council did a great job helping out! Thank you!
 - Lessons were learned for next time as is usually the case for a first-time event.
 - Thank you to Shana Hastings and Kelly Lewis for their hard work!
- Spirit Bracelet Sale – Sharon Bove
 - Bracelets are for sale until November 22nd. Order form found on PTO page.
 - Charms can be sold separately and used with other jewelry. Charms range from music, dance, sports and just "2018".
 - Can also be worn as a choker necklace.
 - First 3 people who turn in an order of \$200 or more will win a FREE \$50 gift card from Premeir Jewelry.
- Sunshine Committee – Lynda Caldwell, Carol Mink
 - Planning for St. Patrick's Day March 17th
 - Feedback from last year was that teachers would like to be more involved in writing messages to their students.
 - Talked about Valentine's Day? New Years? Something before the winter holiday?
- Magazine Drive Feedback
 - \$11,500 last year earned from last year's fund raiser.
 - A list was passed around as to where these funds go every year and what the money is used for. *The list will be included at the end of the minutes.*

ONGOING

- Box Tops – Jennifer Burgfechtel
 - 3,200 box tops collected for contest, bringing in about \$320 for the school.
 - The October contest winning homerooms were:
 - Mrs. Vetter's class 1,000 box tops.

- Mr. Disbrow's class 376 box tops.
- Mrs. Becknell's class 306 box tops.
- The next contest will take place in January. Keep clipping!
- McCaffrey's & ShopRite Receipts – Suzanne Watson

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Open Chair Positions – Spirit Wear (2), Spring Fundraiser/Color Run (1) Paint Night Fundraiser (if continuing) (2)
- Color Run – Lynda Caldwell
 - \$25 per participant.
 - Determining which foundations will receive the funds generated.
 - Food Trucks – any ideas?
 - You get a t-shirt with your entrance fee.
 - Community event – fundraiser for a cause.
 - The Color Run is a 5K – Girls on the Run have a 5K loop.
- Holiday Gift Card Collection for PW Families
 - The nurse needs gift cards for families in need over the holidays.
 - The PTO will match the amount that the nurse collects.
 - Because of the renovations there is not enough space to collect actual cans.
- Questions, comments, etc.

Upcoming PTO meetings – Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10. All meetings are at 9:30 am in the Student Dining Room.

COMMUNICATIONS

- <http://www.pennsburyisd.org/pennwoodmiddleschool.home.aspx>
- click on PTO and/or go to “daily announcements” for special announcements
- Weekly PTO email blasts, with PTO membership
- Like Pennwood on Facebook!
- Email the PTO at ptopennwood@gmail.com

Special Renovations Report:

Jamie Lynch from Dewey Engineering offered a presentation that was shown at the last school board meeting. He talked about what has been completed and what is yet to come. Mr. Lynch took ample time to answer questions. Thank you to Mr. Lynch for taking special time to talk to Pennwood families specifically in order to address questions and concerns about the ongoing project.

Adjournment – 9:05PM

Report about the 2016 Magazine Drive - Almost \$12,000 profit

Funds go toward:

- Ice Cream/Pretzel Incentives
- Student of the Month Lunches
- Membership Dues and Registration Fees for NJHS, Reading Olympics, 24 Competition, Thespian Troupe, and Geography Bee
- ~ BC Co-Op Embryology & Herb Programs, chicken & duck eggs
- ~ T-shirts, Supplies and Materials for Reading Olympics, 5th grade Mixer, Unity, Ecology/Science Club, Geo Bee, NJHS Induction Ceremony and Lead On! Conference
- ~ Pizza Parties for all Sports Teams, Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs
- ~ Student Awards
- ~ Reading Olympic Books
- ~ Fund 2/3's of Assignment Books
- ~ Magazine Fundraiser Incentives
- ~ Ryan's Story Cyber Bullying Assembly
- ~ Buddy Program Picnic and Bowling
- ~ Civil War Speaker
- ~ End of Year Team Parties, 8th grade Awards Assembly, 8th grade Happening, Award Plaques & Medals
- ~ Chromebooks and Carts
- ~ Math 180 Headphones
- ~ Unity Banners
- ~ Guy Davis Assemblies
- ~ Video Conferences
- ~ Field Day Decorations
- ~Field Trip Costs; subsidizing, transport, etc.

Also, any other things that may come up; propane gas for the 6th grade/new student picnic, clay pots for an archaeological dig site, duck food, prizes for Barnes & Noble Book Night, gym uniforms/field trip payments for Students in Need, etc.