

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING AGENDA

October 12, 2017 – 9:30 am – Student Dining Room

STUDENT REPORTS

- Student Council (Advisors) - Student Representative Emma Santora – Officers have met 4 times and had one general meeting so far. Homeroom representatives brought information about the meeting to their homerooms. We ran a Heart to Heart fundraiser and collected \$150 which will be donated to the American Red Cross. The theme for first social is glow in the dark/Halloween. Students signed a contract called Resolution of Respect. This is a contract confirming that during the year kids will do what they can to keep Pennwood a safe place for all students.
- 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)
Teacher contributions for the PTO were turned in to the treasurer.
- Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas
MAP testing for 6th and 7th graders currently ongoing. Reading MAP testing will take place later in the month.
The 7th grade move is completed. 7th grade classrooms are now located mainly along the front of the building. Proceedings on the roof are almost complete. The library will be complete in time for the Scholastic Book Fair. Tech classrooms are up and running. Mr. Pfan is back in the band room. The A gym will be back and running again soon.
- Asst. Principal's Report – Mr. Rebh
Unity week pep rally will go as follows:
Twin day on Monday
Bright color day Tuesday
Multi cultural day on Wednesday (wear the colors of the flag you associate most with).
Super hero day Thursday
Walkathon is Friday wear. Wear your Pennwood United t-shirt if possible.
Evening social next Friday.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- VP/Fundraising – Sue Deutsch
Paint Night is 10/20 (see below)
Pasta Night is Nov. 2nd (see below)
Spirit Nights are being planned. Talking about bringing food trucks to Pennwood as opposed to making people drive to another location.
- VP/Communications – Shana Hastings – no report
- Recording Secretary – Sharon Bove – no report

- Treasurer – Corri Workman
Wells Fargo Bank in Yardley is looking to do things in the community. They would like to run a program in our school that teaches students the value of budgeting money. Should we take them up on this program. More info to come.
- PAC Representative – Tabitha Peters
The PAC meeting minutes will be posted on the District page soon. Topics discussed were: District goals such as “Future Ready”, Middle School Scheduling changes, Opioid addiction task force (Discussed options for education K-12), and how the chrome books are being used.

Amy Nolan – \$25,000 Grant for Best Buddies program. Mixes general ed. kids with special ed. Kids. Students sign up and get matched with another child. They do activities organized by the school with their partners. Watch for more to come on that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Chick-Fil-A Calendars – Still available for sale. \$10 coupon calendars that come with a card and also can be synched to your phone. A free item each month. Email us if you’d like a calendar.
- Walk-A-Thon – Oct 20 (Rain Date 10/27) – Tabitha Peters, Carolyn Fogel
Next Friday. Need volunteers for water station and popcorn. Popping popcorn and distributing. Water bottles this year at the water stations.
- Paint Night – Oct 20 – Charlene Livezey
33 people signed up. Need help around 5:30 to set up tables and sell snacks at the snack bar. People can still sign up to paint but they need to pay in advance.
- Fall Evening Social Oct 27 - 7-9 pm – Kathy Colavita, Krista Milewski
Allowed to use the 2 cafeterias and the gyms. Need to reach out to gather black lights from other schools. We will purchase some with the PTO money after the new cafeteria lighting is complete. Student Council starts decorating Friday after school. If PTO volunteers would like to help come on in!
- Book Fair (10/30-11/2) – Chairperson desperately needed. Culminates November 2nd at the first annual Pasta Night. You can participate in the raffle and book fair without purchasing diner. Teacher signups will be sent out for classes to sign up.
- Family Pasta Night – Nov. 2, make your reservations now!
- Sunshine Committee – Lynda Caldwell, Carol Mink – no report.

ONGOING

- Box Tops – Jennifer Burgfechtel
First classroom contest for a pizza party is this month.
- McCaffrey’s & ShopRite Receipts – Suzanne Watson – no report.

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENT

- Open Chair Positions – Spirit Wear (2), Scholastic Book Fair (2) 10/30-11/4, Spring Fundraiser/Color Run (1) The color run will be within an April time frame. Have a chair we just need a co-chair. Food Trucks and live music is being discussed. If Pennwood won't work we might consider using Charles Boehm for the event.
- Chair guidelines can be sent to all chairs via email.
- **Please note the November PTO meeting has been moved from 11/9 to 11/16 and will be at 7 pm in the SDR.**
- Comments: A few parents discussed the magazine drive, the use of instruction time for an assembly and the incentive of ducks making some children feel left out. Funds from the magazine drive directly benefit the students. For instance a student that can't afford a field trip or something needed for school or if a teacher requires something that the budget can't cover. Ideas for the future were discussed.

Upcoming PTO meetings – Oct 12, Nov 16 (7 pm), Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10. All meetings are at 9:30 am in the Student Dining Room except for the Nov. meeting at 7 pm.

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

Adjournment – 10:27