

**PENNWOOD PTO MEETING AGENDA**  
**September 13, 2018 – 9:30 am – Student Dining Room**

**I. WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA**

- Sign in
- PTO registration – you can register for the PTO through written form or online
- Introductions

**II. STUDENT REPORTS**

- Student Council – Student Rep (Parker Murray) – not in attendance.
  - PTO President noted that the student representative is responsible to provide updates at the PTO meetings of what the student council is doing.
- NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Mrs. Gallelli (Teacher Rep) – not in attendance.

**III. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

- PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Pursell (Reading Specialist)
  - Thank you for the teacher breakfast – all the teachers loved it.
  - Teacher contributions to the PTO were handed over to the treasurer.
  - Two teacher requests:
    - Mrs. Golder would like to request that the PTO provide support to the Geography Bee again this year. Approved. She will be in touch with the PTO.
    - Mrs. Kirsh is collecting new/gently used books. She wants to give a book to each student in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Included with the book is a note from the person donating the book with encouraging words on reading. Mrs. Kirsh is currently short 45 books, so anyone interested in donating should contact her. (PTO will put information in newsletter).
- Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas
  - Thank you for the great breakfast for the teachers.
  - Back to school nights will be Sept 20<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Sept 26<sup>th</sup> (7/8 grades). NJHS students will act as guides for 6<sup>th</sup> grade back to school night.
  - Construction is winding down. The plywood next to the cafeteria will be replaced with student lockers.
  - PW is experiencing some AC issues with some areas hot and others cold, but Mr. Majikas is in contact with the contractor to get them resolved as they come up.

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) is being implemented this year at PW. Part of this is idea of the 3 R's (Respectful Responsible Ready). Students have been introduced to this, but there will be a larger kick off meeting in October. Mr. Majikas has introduced it to kids as they walk off bus asking for earphones off, hoodies down, and phones away. Staff and kids are excited about this new initiative.
- Picture day is October 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will get packets, but ordering online is the easiest.
- Vincent DePaola has been recommended as the new Assistant Principal at Pennwood pending board approval on 9/20. Mr. DePaola is currently an Assistant Principal at PHS.

#### IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

- VP/Fundraising – Carolyn Fogel
  - No report for this meeting.
- VP/Communications – Elaine Koziak
  - Committee chair people can forward any information they want included in eblasts/newsletters.
- Recording Secretary – Kathy Snyder
  - Working on getting the new PTO membership information into database and will have more information on membership at future meetings.
- Treasurer – Corri Workman
  - PTO did annual \$200 donation to Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation, Pennsbury Arts Foundation, and Pennsbury Education Foundation.
  - See PTO website for forms to complete if need reimbursement from the PTO for expenses (under “committee chairs” on website).
  - If change is needed for the social concession stands, please get request in early because we needs time to get money together.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Hospitality – Faculty Brunch 6<sup>th</sup> grade/new student picnic feedback
  - Great turnout at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade student picnic. Positive feedback from parents on this event.
- Back to School Nights, Sept 20 (6<sup>th</sup>) and Sept 26 (7&8<sup>th</sup>)
- Kidstuff Coupon Books – Shana Hastings
  - The deadline for the Kidstuff books has passed (September 12<sup>th</sup>), so families need to return coupon books or send in check. Some teachers maybe only handed out if the student said they wanted one.
  - No pressure to purchase book. PTO does get 50% profit on each one sold. Parents can contact PTO if they didn't get one and want one.

- Spiritwear – Shana Hastings
  - Spiritwear deadline is 9/28. Samples are in the closet and will be available at both Back to School nights.
- Walk-A-Thon – Oct 19 (Rain Date 10/22) – Leysha Nirschl, Ellen Labrecque – not in attendance.
  - PTO helps with handing out water, etc. They will be looking for parent volunteers to help.
- Magazine Drive – kick off 9/26 – Colleen Veitz.
  - This is not a PTO fundraiser, but PTO helps with sorting out orders. Please volunteer if you can.
- Picture Day – 10/9
- Fall Evening Social Oct 26 7-9 pm – Krista Milewski – not in attendance
  - Student Council organizes socials, but PTO provides concession stand. Tickets are \$3 per student and are sold during lunches.
  - Parent asked why socials are in different rooms. Mr. Majikas said that not everyone likes to dance so we want different activities. PTO President noted that student counsel determines the set up with the principal's okay.
- Sunshine Committee – Jenna Churchray, Joanna Steer
  - Starting to figure out what things to do to help keep the school a positive place. One idea was to put affirmations and positive quotes around the school.
  - Volunteers are welcome.

## VI. ONGOING

- Box Tops – Natalie Hogan-Brounce
  - Shana Hastings noted that PTO will have a Box Top collection event from September 15 – October 15. Students can submit box tops in bags with student name/teacher. Class with the most box tops submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup> will get a Philly Pretzel party with juice. Teacher will get a prize, as will the student who submits the most. Information about the event and updates on who is winning will be on announcements.
  - Please clip box tops neatly.
- McCaffrey's & ShopRite Receipts – Natalie Hogan-Brounce - no report
- Special Events/Dinner Night – Chair or Co-Chairs Needed!
  - PTO needs a co-chair for these events. After concert concession stands were very popular last year.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Open Chair Positions – Spring Fundraiser/Color Run (2), Bingo Night (2), Special Events/Dinner Coordinator (2), 8GH Decorations Chair (1) and Food Chair (1). Kathleen Conti volunteered to be the food chair for 8GH.
- Bingo was very well received last year. Will combine with Book Fair this year. Need co-chairs.
- Book Fair – Colleen Veitz
  - No final date for Book Fair. Looking at end of October/early December. Pending approval.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Happening – Beth McNamara
  - Mickey Brennan and Beth McNamara will co-chair the event, but we still need food and decoration chair people.
  - The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Happening will happen the week after PHS Senior Prom (Senior Prom is the first Saturday in June and the theme is “Music through the decades”.) In the past, PTO has used senior prom decorations for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade happening. Might be able to this year also.
- Soda tabs
  - A former PW parent is still collecting soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
  - Send soda tabs in bag to office.
- Comments: Parent asked how many kids are enrolled at PW? 782 students, with 271 in 6<sup>th</sup>, 276 in 7<sup>th</sup>, 235 in 8<sup>th</sup>. She also asked what percentage of kids/parents are members of PTO? We don’t have that information yet, but will in the future. She also mentioned that the Shoparoo app is a great way to earn money and explained how it works – people just take pictures of their receipts in the app and schools make money. PW PTO does participate in this fundraising, but it is not used much.

#### VIII. Upcoming PTO meetings

- Oct 11
- Nov 8 (7 pm)
- Dec 13
- Jan 10
- Feb 14
- Mar 14
- Apr 11
- May 9

\*All meetings are at 9:30 am in the Student Dining Room with the exception of the Nov meeting at 7 pm.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

1. <http://www.pennwoodpto.com> is a direct link to the Pennwood PTO website.
2. <http://www.pennsburyisd.org/Default.aspx>, go to Schools, Pennwood, click on PTO and/or go to “daily announcements” for special announcements
3. Weekly PTO email blasts, with PTO membership
4. Like Pennwood on Facebook!  
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1997500920491941>)
5. Email the PTO at [ptopennwood@gmail.com](mailto:ptopennwood@gmail.com)

Adjournment at 10:30.