

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2019 – 9:30 am – Student Dining Room

- I. WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA/SHANA HASTINGS
 - A. Welcome Incoming 6th Grade Parents
 - B. PTO registration – form or online
 - C. Introductions

- II. STUDENT REPORTS
 - A. Student Council – Parker Murray (Student Rep)
 - The council has been involved in character education training, which will be presented to the whole school May 16th. The topic is resilience.
 - Student council elections will be held tomorrow.
 - There is a social after school tomorrow from 3 to 5.
 - Next week is spirit week: Monday (red, white and blue day); Tuesday (tropical day); Wednesday (mismatch day); and Thursday (orange and black day).
 - Box tops are being collected for Field Day teams.
 - B. NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Stephanie Adamousky (Student Rep) – in attendance, Mrs. Gallelli (Teacher Rep) – not in attendance.
 - NJHS had their induction ceremony recently. Mostly 7th grade students, but there were a few 8th grade students. It went really well.

- III. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - A. PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Taylor
 - Thanks again from the teachers for all the gifts from the wish lists.
 - Mrs. Fellows asked that we still need lots of volunteers to help at the water stations for field day (Elaine K. will send out a request again in her eblast).
 - B. Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas
 - Welcome all the new families.
 - PSSA's are finished and were mailed out May 3rd. Next year, we will have a 12 day window for testing, not 8 days like this year.
 - 70 students were inducted into NJHS last week.
 - The chorus/orchestra concert was last night. It was a great event. Thank you to the parents who organized concessions after the concerts this year.

- 5th graders are visiting this week for a tour. Prospective Pennwood parents have a meeting on Monday, May 13th at 7:00. Mr. Majikas and Mr. DePaola will speak and there will be tour guides.
- Band concert will be on May 14th. Field day is May 17th (May 20th is the rain date).
- Half days on May 24th and then on June 12, 13, 14.
- There will be a clap out for 8th graders on the last day. More information will be sent out about it.
- The District Art Show will run from May 21st through 23rd at the PHS East Gym.
- Thank you to the PTO for a great year! A particular thanks for the wish list items purchased for teachers. And a special thanks to Beth McNamara and Shana Hastings who will be leaving us after this year.

C. Asst. Principal's Report – Mr. DePaola

IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

A. VP/Fundraising – Carolyn Fogel

- Recently had a Spirit Night at Yardley Pizza (same night as NJHS). This was Yardley Pizza's first spirit night and they'd like to do it again.
- Concessions will be available after the spring concerts.

B. VP/Communications – Elaine Koziak – nothing to report.

C. Recording Secretary – Kathy Snyder – nothing to report.

D. Treasurer – Corri Workman

- The PTO has completed their 3rd and final installment for music stands for Mr. Pfan.
- Purchasing for the PTO wish list items for teachers is almost complete. Based on teacher wish list request, the PTO has purchased an array of different items (such as white boards).
- Bingo Night raised \$1340 for the Garden of Reflection. A donation will be made in that amount to the Garden of Reflection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

A. Sunshine Committee – Jenna Churchray, Joanna Steer

- Jenna noted that the sunshine committee has done a number of things throughout the year: new seasonal bulletin boards, the wings near the girls gym and the basketball themed decorations near the boys gym, birthday certificates for students, and the shamrocks on lockers (with the assistance of NJHS and Mrs. Taylor).

B. Family BINGO Night – Feedback – Shaina Farrell – not in attendance

- Bingo Night went very well. \$75 gift cards were given out for bingo winners and there were also raffle baskets.

- C. BOGO Spring Book Fair (5/28-5/31) – Colleen Veitz, Devina Golden – not in attendance
 - The book fair will run at the end of May. A sign up genius for volunteers will be posted.
- D. 8th Grade Happening – Micki Brennan, Beth McNamara, Marie Carlson, Kathleen Conti – Please consider volunteering to help with decorations. Volunteers meet every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm in SDR. Please note, there will be no decorations work on 5/14 due to school concert.
 - 8th Grade Happening is like a mini prom. It is not formal, but girls do wear dresses mostly. The theme for this year is Rockin' in the USA.
 - We are far along on decorations, there is still lots to do, especially since we can't count on senior prom decorations.
 - The food will be country fair food. We will have a funnel cake truck and cotton candy.
 - We need lots of volunteers. Even non-8th grade parents can help out. Usually every Tuesday and Thursday, but we will be working Monday the 13th and the 20th from 6:30 and 8:30 due to other activities on Tuesdays those weeks.
 - We also need volunteers for the night of – serving food, clean up crew, chaperones, etc.

ONGOING

- A. Box Tops – Shana Hastings, Carolyn Fogel
 - Currently, a field day box top competition on right now. We have made approximately \$1,700 this year with box tops. Next year, the box tops won't be on packages. Not sure how that will work and how we will do competitions.
- B. McCaffrey's & ShopRite Receipts – Shana Hastings, Carolyn Fogel
- C. Special Events/Dinner Night – Nicole Augustine, Amy Haas – not in attendance

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Officer Elections: Carolyn Fogel, President; Corri Workman, Treasurer.
 - No formal elections needed, so congratulations to Carolyn and Corri! Carolyn Fogel's old position (VP fundraising) is open. We will solicit volunteers, and then will vote in-house for the new VP.
- B. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – 5/9
- C. PTO Appreciation Event – May 29 7-9 PM at Lena's Café
 - Will send out evite to all of the committee chairs. The event will be at Lena's Deli in the red house in the back.
- D. No school 5/21, 5/27. Half day 5/24

- E. Field Day 5/17, volunteers needed at water stations
- F. Open Chair Positions – Please consider chairing a position next school year.
 - You can find a list of committees on the Pennwood PTO website.
- G. Next School Board Meeting 5/16 at 7:30 pm at Fallsington Elementary
- H. Question, comments, etc.
 - For new families... you will need clearances to volunteer at Pennwood. You can reach out to the secretary at your current elementary school and ask if they will transfer the documents to middle school. New PW parents would have to still meet with Mr. Majikas. May want to have a time in the summer to have parents come in to complete their clearances.
 - 5th grade mixer is May 29th. Tshirts are in!

VII. Upcoming PTO meetings – This is the last PTO meeting of the school year. Have a wonderful and safe summer. Thank you for supporting the Pennwood PTO!

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. <http://www.pennwoodpto.com> is a direct link to the Pennwood PTO website.
2. For “daily announcements” go to www.pennsbury.org, click on Schools, then Pennwood, the Parent Information, then daily announcements on left.
3. 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

IX. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:20 am.