

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2018 – 7:00 pm – Student Dining Room

I. WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA

- PTO registration – PTO is still accepting registrations through paper form or online.
- Introductions

II. STUDENT REPORTS

- Student Council – Parker Murray (Student Rep) – not in attendance.
- NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Mrs. Gallelli (Teacher Rep) – not in attendance. Beth McNamara noted that NJHS is doing a collection of hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) for homeless vets, which ends on November 9th.

III. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Pursell (Reading Specialist) - not in attendance.
- Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas
 - a. The social was a huge success. Thanks to everyone involved. Almost 400 kids attended, which is over 50 percent of the student body. There were kids from all grades. There were a few minor behavior issues, but parents complimented Mr. Majikas on the kids' behavior.
 - b. 6th graders will get out at 11:15 am on November 15th and have no school on November 16th for parent-teacher conferences.
 - c. On November 21st all students will be dismissed at 11:00 am.
 - d. Unity Day was a big success. The 3 R's (respectful, responsible and ready) were discussed, they did some fun games (pie in the face, relay races), and discussed cafeteria/hallway behaviors. \$2500 was raised for Pennwood United. The top 2 fundraisers got to act as Principal and Assistant Principal for the day. The two students did hall and cafeteria duty and got to use walk-talkies.
 - e. Picture retakes will be on November 14th.
 - f. This morning there was a visit to the tech school for those 8th graders that were interested. A visit to the high school will be at the end of the month.
 - g. Pennwood will be doing kettle money collection outside Macy's December 8th from 10 am to 8 pm, and outside Redner's December 15th from 10 am to 4 pm. Student and administrator volunteers will be needed. More details later.

- h. Pennwood has started the Flying Falcon 200 club to support positive behavior. 10 staff will each get an R slip, which they will give out to a student displaying the 3 R's (respectful, responsible, and ready behavior). The student will come to the office to sign the celebrity book and get a number for the 200 board. When 10 spots fill up on the board, they will do a raffle and the winning student will get a prize. The board will then be cleared and it will start over. Parents will also get an email about their child's positive behavior.
- Asst. Principal's Report – Mr. DePaola – not in attendance.

IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

- VP/Fundraising – Carolyn Fogel
 - a. Pennwood's Magic Arts night is planned for February 1st. We will be doing ceramics. The sign up will be out before the winter break.
 - b. Amy Haas and Nicole Augustine will be working on special events for after the concerts.
- VP/Communications – Elaine Koziak. Nothing to report.
 - a. Beth McNamara noted that Elaine is the face behind the Pennwood facebook page and she is usually the one answering questions.
- Recording Secretary – Kathy Snyder. Nothing to report.
- Treasurer – Corri Workman. Nothing to report.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Walk-A-Thon – Oct 19
 - a. Thank you Leysha Nirschl and Ellen Labrecque for assisting Mrs. Taylor with this event. Pennwood PTO helped with water for the event.
- Magazine Drive
 - a. Thank you Colleen Veitz and Meredith Obrien for your work on this PW fundraiser. Beth McNamara pointed out that PTO doesn't make money off of this fundraiser (it is a Pennwood SAA fundraiser), but Colleen and Meredith and volunteers help organize the orders.
- Fall Evening Social Oct 26
 - a. Beth McNamara reported that it was a record attendance and huge success, thank you Krista Milewski and Marie Donnelly. Tons of food was eaten and the volunteers had to go out to get more.
- Sunshine Committee – Jenna Churchray, Joanna Steer
 - a. Joanna Steer reported that the sunshine committee's mission is to bring positivity to Pennwood. They will do shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day as was done last year.

- b. Joanna noted that the first group of birthday certificates went out to students. Each student will receive a certificate to get a free snack from the cafeteria during their birthday month.
 - c. It was discussed that the school needs more positive things in the hallway since everything is new and looking a bit Spartan.
 - d. Shana Hastings noted that the sunshine committee did a display in the showcase ("Fall In Love With Yourself") which looks great!
- Book Fair – 11/27-11/30 – Colleen Veitz, Devina Golden – not in attendance.
 - a. Beth McNamara noted that students will visit the book fair during language arts during book fair week.
- Family BINGO Night – 11/30
 - a. Bingo night is planned on the last day of the book fair at night. Shana Hastings reported that it is an inexpensive night for families. \$5 for bingo, bingo winners get gift cards. All the profits from the event will be donated to a local organization.

ONGOING

- Box Tops – Natalie Hogan-Brounce – not in attendance.
 - a. Beth McNamara noted that this is an easy way for the PTO to get money so please continue to submit your box tops.
- McCaffrey's & ShopRite Receipts – Natalie Hogan-Brounce
- Special Events/Dinner Night – Nicole Augustine, Amy Haas – not in attendance.
 - a. Beth McNamara noted that for all the chorus, band and orchestra events, the PTO will have a concession stand. It was started last year by Sue Deutsch and was a huge success, so the PTO is looking forward to continuing it. The profits made will go back into the instrumental/music programs.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- No school 11/12, ½ day 11/21 (11 am dismissal), No school 11/22, 11/23, 11/26.
- 6th grade conferences 11/15 ½ day 6th grade, 11/16 no school 6th grade.
- 12/11 Choral/Instrumental Concert 7:00 pm – PTO will sell refreshments after in SDR.
- Open Chair Positions –
 - a. Beth McNamara reported that we are still looking for a Spring Fundraiser/Color Run chair, as well as a 8GH Decorations chair.
- Question, comments, etc.

- a. Mr. Majikas noted that the Unity group is doing a fundraiser selling PW magnets for \$5 and asked if they could sell them after concerts. It was agreed that was a great idea.
- b. A parent asked about popcorn sales on Friday. Mr. Majikas wasn't sure how it went. Popcorn is sold for \$.50 on Fridays.

VII. Upcoming PTO meetings – Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9. All meetings are at 9:30 am in the Student Dining Room.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.