

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2019 – 9:30 am – Student Dining Room

I. WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA

- A. Sign in
- B. PTO registration – form or online
- C. Introductions

II. STUDENT REPORTS

A. Student Council – Parker Murray (Student Rep)

- Parker Murray reported that the PJ day held on December 7th raised around \$950.00. The popcorn sales on Friday will be running all year and that will be used to fund the holiday fund drive next year.
- The Student Council also sent flowers and cards to a nursing home.

B. NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Stephanie Adamousky (Student Rep), Mrs. Gallelli (Teacher Rep)

- Stephanie Adamousky reported that NJHS organized a toy drive in December. 8th grade won with the most toys donated.
- NJHS had bake sales and the money raised will go toward 8th grade events.
- NJHS members participated in ringing the Kettle bells and Redner's and Macy's in December.

III. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Pursell (Reading Specialist)

- Mrs. Taylor was present as teacher rep. She requested the PTO purchase popcorn and bags going forward for popcorn sales. The request was approved and this will be in lieu of PTO matching for the holiday food and gift drives.

B. Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas

- Mr. Majikas reported that there will be no school on January 21st (MLK Jr. Day) and January 24th (a grading day). PW is now halfway through the school year.
- MAP tests will be February 1st for Math (6th and 7th grades) and February 12th for reading (6th and 7th grades). On February 12th, they will be doing A period and then do G periods through B periods backwards to accommodate the MAP testing schedule.
- February 1st will be the Mini Mini Thon (an event for all 3 middle schools from 7 to 9 pm). PHS students came to lunch yesterday to hand out forms.

- Mr. Majikas attended the December 15th Kettle bell event at Redners with students. Mr. DePaola went on the 8th at Macy's. It was nice for the kids to help raise money for the Salvation Army.
- C. Asst. Principal's Report – Mr. DePaola
- Mr. DePaola reported that Popcorn Fridays have been great – the students seem to love it.
 - The district is aware that vape devices are becoming an issue in the district overall and the district will be sending out information to parents on what they look like, etc. so that parents are more aware. The district will be establishing consequences for students who violate the rules about these devices on campus. The district is also looking into Vape Educate, which is a 4 hour online program that students who violate the rules can be required to complete.
 - PA has begun a state-wide program, Safe 2 Say Something. All the schools will be involved in this program and students will get more information within the next month. As part of this program, there is a 24 hour tip line to share information about students who are in danger (from bullying, drugs, etc.). Any information collected will be triaged and then the information will be sent to the appropriate school.

IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

- A. VP/Fundraising – Carolyn Fogel – provided an update later on Paint Night and Family BINGO night
- B. VP/Communications – Elaine Koziak – nothing to report
- C. Recording Secretary – Kathy Snyder – nothing to report
- D. Treasurer – Corri Workman
- Beth McNamara reported that the PTO will be purchasing a second popcorn maker for the school. PTO will also be purchasing popcorn and popcorn bags. Corri Workman noted that the PTO will also be purchasing the 3rd phase of music stands for the band.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- A. Paint Night (3/1) – Deanna Nesteruk, Jennifer Couchoud
- Carolyn Fogel reported that we had a shift in the date of Paint Night to March 1st since the Mini Mini Thon will be on February 1st. They may be looking for some volunteers and will send out a sign up genius if they need help.
- B. Sunshine Committee – Jenna Churchray, Joanna Steer

- Joanna Steer reported that Jenna put up a new winter bulletin board “Random Acts of Kindness” and they will distribute kindness ideas to the classrooms.
 - The committee is starting to plan for putting up a shamrock on each locker in March.
 - Students are cashing in their voucher for birthday treats.
- C. Family BINGO Night – moved to 4/5 – Shaina Farrell
- Carolyn Fogel said that BINGO Night has been shifted to April 5th and will not coincide with the book fair anymore. The event needs lots of volunteers and raffle baskets too. A sign up genius will go out about it. Money raised during BINGO night will go to the Garden of Reflection.

ONGOING

- A. Box Tops – Natalie Hogan-Brounce
- Corri Workman reported that the PTO just got a check for almost \$1300. Send in box tops. The money will go back into the school.
- B. McCaffrey’s & ShopRite Receipts – Natalie Hogan-Brounce – not in attendance
- C. Special Events/Dinner Night – Nicole Augustine, Amy Haas – not in attendance

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No school 1/21, 1/24
- B. Open Chair Positions – Spring Fundraiser (2), 8GH Decorations Chair (1)
- Beth McNamara reported that we are still looking for a Spring Fundraiser chair.
 - Marie Carlson volunteered to be the 8th Grade Happening Decorations Chair. Discussion about getting decorations from the high school prom (theme is “Prom to the Music”). Other schools also have decorations to use.
- C. Next School Board Meeting 1/17 at 7:30 pm at Fallsington Elementary
- D. Question, comments, etc.
- There was some discussion about vaping and a new purple drink that kids are creating out of sprite and cough syrup (these both are seen at the high school level).
 - Carolyn Fogel asked about what can be done proactively in the middle school to ensure that the kids know the dangers of nicotine and vaping. Mr. Majikas said that at the biweekly campus meeting the district is talking about bringing someone in from the DEA to talk about this.

- Joanna Steer noted that all police stations have a drop box where old medicines can be left. It is open 24 hours a day.
- A parent reported that the Makefield PTO had a fire at an event and was initially given the bill for repairs. Since they filed a facilities use form PSD was required to pay for repairs. Some discussion about being a PTO versus a PTA since the PTA would have insurance for these types of things.
- Video announcements are now being done at Pennwood. Any student interested can get involved. Pennwood has a really good set up.

VII. Upcoming PTO meetings – 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.pennsburyisd.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 10:17 pm.