

Pennwood PTO Meeting

May 11, 2017 - 9:30AM - Student Dining Room

Meeting was called to order by Beth McNamara at 9:35AM

STUDENT REPORTS

Student Council rep. Matthew Nuzzolo:

- The final social for the year went well.
- Elections are coming up and nominees have been chosen. They are working on their speeches and will give the Friday, May 12th.

NJHS rep: Not in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PTO teacher rep. Mrs. Pursell and Mrs. Payne:

- Thank you from the teachers for the appreciation breakfast! The teachers were extremely impressed and grateful for all the donations. They were especially impressed that parents took time to prepare hot food as it is a rare treat. One teacher mentioned that they felt they were at a luxury hotel.
- Mr. Pfan is very grateful to the PTO for their donation of new music stands over the next 3 years. Thank you!

Principal's report - Mrs. Aldridge: Not in attendance.

Asst. Principal's report - Mr. Majikas:

- The new wing is now open. There are pictures on the blog.
- The roof will continue to be finished over the next few days.
- Summer will be big, with optimistic goals in place. The main office will eventually be where the science classes are now. Summer goals include finishing; FCS, Tech Ed., Choral room, computer room, Auditorium and the Girls' Gym.
- There will be a day in August where the 6th grade students will be invited to tour the building (TBD.).
- The CLAP OUT will take place June 15th at 10:20. Depending on renovations they will determine the best route for 8th grade students.
- 6th and 7th grade band concert and Jazz band concert held Wednesday night at Charles Boehm was a success. Congratulations to the students who participated and thank you to Mr. Pfan and the music staff for all their hard work.
- May 18th will be the orchestra and choral concert at Charles Boehm.
- May 22nd will be parent night for incoming 6th graders. There will be NJHS students available for giving tours. The presentation will begin in Gym B.
- 8th grade field trip is coming up May 15th.

- June 9th is 8th Grade Happening. Students encouraged to dress slightly nicer than they would to come to school. However, all are welcome and no one will be turned away if they are not “dressed up”. Most years it is very widely attended and a lot of fun.
- June 2nd is Field Day. There will be a link to order shirts soon.

OFFICER REPORTS

VP/Fundraising Sue Deutsch:

- There will be at least one more spirit night. Hoping to secure Yardley Ice House and/or Miller’s Ale House. More to come.
- We tried to do a magazine based fundraiser this year (Believe Kids). It did bring in some profit but will not be something we will do in the future. Considering Mixed Bag for next Spring. New ideas are welcome and appreciated!

- **Places to Shop that Help Pennwood:**

<http://www.pennwoodpto.com/Documents/Passive%20Fundraisers.pdf>

VP/Communications Shana Hastings:

- Reminder to sign up for the newsletter and LIKE the Pennwood Facebook page to stay connected.
- There is a signup genius on the PTO page where you can sign up to chair events for next year. If you have an idea for a fundraiser please feel free to share!

Secretary Sharon Bove:

- No report.

Treasurer Lisa Zawacki:

- As discussed at prior meetings, the Chair Appreciation night was held May 4th at Makefield Highlands. It was a nice evening out for parents who stepped up to chair events this year. It was the first year the board tried this. Feedback from parents at the May 11th meeting questioned the use of PTO dollars to fund this event and offered suggestions as to ways to accomplish the same goal into the future. Ideas and suggestions for next year are welcome.
- We were asked, along with all schools, to donate to the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation, Pennsbury Education Foundation, and Pennsbury Arts Foundation. We have delineated \$200 to go toward each of these foundations. Money made from the socials will be included in this donation as socials are not run for profit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality - Karen Scott, Sharon Bove and Shana Hastings

- Teacher Appreciation breakfast was a success. Thank you to all the many people who donated time and supplies. The teachers were impressed to learn that many parents got up very early in order to deliver hot food for them. Teachers were ex-

tremely touched and grateful. Big thanks to Shana Hastings for helping out at the last minute to make the breakfast a huge success.

8th Grade Happening:

- The committee is working on decorations every Monday and Wednesday from 6-9PM. All are welcome! Come and stay as little or as long as you can.

Book Fair:

- Mrs. Pursell asked us to have a Book Fair to encourage summer reading. The Book Fair will run from May 22nd to May 26th and will be held in the library. It will NOT be for profit it is just for the kids. It is a BOGO event! Please consider donating some of your time to help at the checkout counter. The sign-up for Book Fair is in the PTO volunteer page.

Scholarship Fund:

- Sunday June 4th please consider donating your time to read over student applications for scholarships. If You would like to help please email: scholarships@pennsburysd.org or call (215) 428-4145.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Jennifer Burgfechtel: Box Tops

- Last year "Duct Tape a Teacher to the Wall" was a big incentive for kids to bring in their Box Tops. This year there was not as much enthusiasm for the event. Since the cost of duct tape was going to make the profits minimal, it has been decided by the committee to roll over those Box Tops for the Orange and Black contest. Students who brought in Box Tops will still get credit toward their team color.
- The committee is also assembling baggies to send home to students before they leave for the summer. There will be a raffle again this year and the winner will receive a raffle basket worth well over \$100. Each box top turned in equals one entry for the raffle. Details to come home May 22nd.

New Business/Announcements/Comments:

- A parent with prior experience with reading scholarship applications noted that it was a very rewarding to donate time for this cause. It is interesting to hear what our young people are thinking about and looking forward to. It is well run and they give you all the information you need to do a good job.
- A parent brought up an idea for next year called "Bottle Caps For Benches" or perhaps "Lids for Benches". There is a list of caps and lids that are accepted. Once enough are collected you pay a small fee to have them turned into a bench. This would be a great way for kids to get involved in purchasing benches that as a school we will be purchasing anyway.

<http://4hfair.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Caplist2016.pdf>

COMMUNICATIONS

1. <http://www.pennsbury.k12.pa.us/pennsbury/pennwood/>
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Meeting commenced at 10:50AM.