

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2019 – 9:30 am – Student Dining Room

- I. WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA/SHANA HASTINGS
 - A. Sign in
 - B. PTO registration – form or online
 - C. Introductions

- II. STUDENT REPORTS
 - A. Student Council – Parker Murray (Student Rep) – not in attendance
 - B. NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Stephanie Adamousky (Student Rep), Mrs. Gallelli (Teacher Rep) – not in attendance

- III. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - A. PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Taylor
 - Thank you from the teachers for the many items that the PW PTO purchased for them as part of the PTO wish lists.
 - Mrs. Kirsch's Read Across America event raised \$2,707 for the Ronald McDonald House. The top 3 earners from PW got to enjoy a banquet at NOVA care center.
 - The library staff are doing reading brackets for March Madness to determine students favorite book. They are down to two final books – Posted and The Worst Class Trip Ever. Students can logon to clever to vote.
 - B. Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas
 - The PSSA's are coming up. ELA will be the Monday and Tuesday before Spring Break. Math will be on 4/24 and then on 4/29 and 4/30. Make ups for ELA and Math will be on May 1, 2, and 3rd. 8th grade will do their science PSSA on May 1 and 2. The testing window closes on May 3rd. Students have as long as they want to complete the exam. If they are not finished at the end of the exam time, they can go to the library to finish up.
 - PW had 22 PSSA opt out's this year. This is fewer than last year and will be under the threshold that would affect the school.
 - Prior to the start of a PSSA exam dates, students will do large and small group activities to get their brains moving, as well as calming activities (such as coloring). For example, the 6th grade students will rotate by homerooms to spend time in the cafeteria to do activities.
 - All middle school social for 8th graders is on April 26th from 7 to 9 at PW. Each school will get 100 tickets. Tickets are on sale the week of April

22nd. This is a new event. There is a sign up genius for volunteers/food donations. The PW PTO will have concessions. This is not a fundraising event, but any profits will stay with the PW PTO. Next year, profits would go to the next school to hold the social.

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

- The cafeteria will have new tables after Spring Break. They are the old William Penn tables. They will seat 12 instead of 6 peoples. These tables will be easier to move around and will give more seating. They will also cut down on noise because chairs won't be able to be dragged around.
- All old tables and chairs will be moved to where they are needed. Some will be stored so we have extra if needed. PW will also reach out to the district to see if there are any table/chair needs.
- Grade level meetings were held on April 10th to set behavior expectations and encourage positive behaviors. A slide show was presented with information on the types of behaviors/how many students are getting discipline referrals (6th grade have the most). 30 randomly chosen students were given free snacks. These students have not been given a discipline referral all year. Some students always do what they should, but may not be given a Flying Falcon slips so staff wanted to acknowledge these students in some way. The grade with the lowest discipline referrals for the year will get a cool treat to celebrate in June.
- An email will go out soon to remind parents about dress code as the weather gets warmer.

IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

A. VP/Fundraising – Carolyn Fogel

- May 1st will be a fundraiser at Yardley Pizza. The PW PTO will get 10% of sales that evening with the flyer. The flyer will go out soon.
- Amy Haas and Nicole Augustine will be doing concessions for the spring concerts. They will need volunteers.
- Family Bingo is schedule for May 3rd. Mr. Majikas will be the bingo caller. 100 people are already registered. We are getting some donations and will need help with volunteers. Proceeds from Bingo night will go to the Garden of Reflection, but concession money will stay with the PW PTO.
- Teacher recognition is May 9th. We will send out a sign up for donations.

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

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

D. Treasurer – Corri Workman

- Purchases from teacher/staff wish lists are pretty much completed. There are lots of boxes coming in.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

A. Sunshine Committee – Jenna Churchray, Joanna Steer

- The sunshine committee is continuing with birthday certificates. No new projects are in the works.

B. Family BINGO Night – moved to 5/3 – Shaina Farrell – not in attendance

C. BOGO Spring Book Fair (5/28-5/31) – Colleen Veitz, Devina Golden - not in attendance

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. So far volunteers have been very light, so please help if you can!

ONGOING

A. Box Tops – Shana Hastings, Carolyn Fogel

- There is a box top field day competition going on right now, so please send in your box tops.
- Next year, box tops will become digital similar to shoparoo. It is unclear how it will exactly work.

B. McCaffrey's & ShopRite Receipts – Shana Hastings, Carolyn Fogel

- Please continue to send in receipts.

C. Special Events/Dinner Night – Nicole Augustine, Amy Haas - not in attendance

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Officer nominations are closed, new officers elected at May PTO meeting.

B. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – 5/9 – look for donation sign up.

C. PTO Appreciation Event – stay tuned for additional information.

D. No school 4/17-4/22

E. Open Chair Positions – Please consider chairing a position next school year.

F. Next School Board Meeting 4/25 at 7:30 pm at Fallsington Elementary

G. Question, comments, etc.

- Carolyn Fogel announced that the high school baseball team is doing a “pitch-in for baseball” event and is looking for gently used baseball items. The “pitch-in for baseball” nonprofit ships donations to wherever it is needed.

VII. Upcoming PTO meetings – Final meeting of school year is May 9, 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

Adjourned at 10:15.