

Pennwood PTO Meeting

Sept. 12, 2017 - 9:30AM - Student Dining Room

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

Welcome new 6th grade parents! Great turnout for the meeting. Introductions around the room.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student Council:

- Student Council representatives will be chosen soon and will attend the next PTO meeting with their report.

NJHS:

- Mrs. Mellor is the teacher representative for National Junior Honor's Society. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to her: AMellor@pennsbury.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PTO teacher rep. Mrs. Pursell (Reading Specialist) and Mrs. Payne (Gifted Support):

- Thank you from the teachers for the appreciation brunch that welcomed them back to school the day before 6th graders came for their first day. The teachers were extremely impressed and grateful for all donations. They are always impressed when there are hot food items included. Thank you!
- The yearly teacher donations are still being collected and will be presented to the PTO at the next meeting.

Mr. Majikas: Acting Principal:

- Mr. Majikas addressed the issue of drips coming into the school in the 7th grade hallway during rain. He explained that over the summer contractors were scheduled to complete as top priority the roof and the HVAC system before the start of school. The HVAC system was completed within the proposed deadline. However, with 22 days of rain this summer, progress did not go as planned. They have a plan in place to rectify this unfortunate situation and all will be resolved by November.
- The auditorium will be completed soon. The forecasted date of completion is early October.
- The front parking lot will be used for visitor parking once the area in front of the building is no longer an active work zone.
- Cones have been placed in the spaces on Roeloffs Rd temporarily to make it easier to see while pulling out of the drop-off loop. This space will eventually be a no parking zone.

OFFICER REPORTS

VP/Fundraising: Sue Deutsch:

- Sue passed around a list of restaurants and ice cream places to see which ones interested people the most. We will try to do about one night a month.
- In the past these nights (such as Rita's night) have been after performances and concerts. The concerts have been starting later so Sue was thinking of having food trucks come to the school before the performances instead.
- If you have any fundraising ideas please share and we will discuss!

Places to Shop that Help Pennwood:

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

VP/Communications: Shana Hastings:

- The newsletter is currently being sent out to all families but starting in October we will send out the newsletter to PTO members only. If you have anything you'd like to add to the newsletter please contact Shana at PTOPennwood@gmail.com
- If you are on Facebook:

[Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pennwoodms](https://www.facebook.com/pennwoodms)

[Facebook Group Discussion: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1997500920491941/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1997500920491941/)

[PTO Website: www.pennwoodpto.com](http://www.pennwoodpto.com)

Secretary: Sharon Bove:

- No report at this time.

Treasurer: Corri Workman

- The treasurers report was shared. No further information at this time.

PAC Representative: Tabitha Peters:

- The first PAC meeting will be October 4th. Report will be shared at the next PTO meeting about what was learned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Back To School Night: 7th and 8th grade back to school night is tonight. There will be a PTO table set up where you can purchase magnets, socks, water bottles, KidStuff Books, Chik-Fil-A calendars and see samples of Spirit Wear to order as well as swap out new gym uniform sizes.

Kidstuff Coupon Books: Last day to return your KidStuff books is tomorrow. Send your book back to school if you don't want to purchase it. Thank you to all who purchased a book or returned already!

Chik-Fil-A Calendars: Chik-Fil-A used to sell their calendars at the restaurant but now they are strictly being used for fundraisers. They are \$10 and every month you get a free item. You can connect them to your smart phone too!

Spiritwear: Last day to order Spirit Wear online is tomorrow.

Walk-a-thon: Tabitha Peters is the PTO rep. helping with this event. The Walk-a-Thon is a Unity Team event. Unity Team is a positive support plan for the school run by teachers. Funds raised go toward assemblies about bullying and various diversity-related events, T-Shirts, etc. Benchmarks are in place as incentives for participating in Walk-A-Thon:

\$5 - popcorn at lunch

\$25 - Ritas

\$50 - Donut breakfast

\$75 - pizza party

\$100 - donated gift cards

There will be a sign-up genius for volunteers. The event day is October 20th.

Paint Night: Charlene Livezey is in charge of this event. Last year was a success so we are bringing it back with a Fall theme. 4 paint choices have been selected and Charlene is considering taking a vote to choose the painting. Paint night is October 20th at the school in the cafeteria at 7PM. It will cost \$18 per person.

Fall Evening Social: Socials are run by the Student Council. The first social of the year will take place on October 27th from 7PM to 9PM. Student Council will sell tickets in advance and there will be no tickets sold at the door. Tickets will be \$3. Once inside the building students will not be permitted to leave until 9PM. There will be one room for dancing, one area for food and one for games. About 12 teachers will be stationed throughout. The PTO helps with the food that is provided for purchase. Cathy Colavita and Krista Milewski have volunteered to run the food and will need parent volunteers to help as well. If the sale of the food makes a profit we donate that money to the Pennsbury Scholarship Fund.

Pasta Night: We are trying something new this year! Pasta night will be a fun family event with exciting raffles to win. Pasta night will take place November 2nd.

Sunshine Committee: Lynda Caldwell started this committee last year by organizing a surprise for the students. The students arrived on St. Patrick's Day to get a unique note written on a shamrock taped to their locker. The sunshine committee seeks to make every student feel special. Please help join this committee and bring your ideas!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Box Tops: Jennifer Burgfechtel:

- Over 3,000 box tops were collected over the summer! The winner of the raffle will be selected at BTSN tonight. 1 entry for every 10 box tops turned in. Thank you for all your participation!

McCaffrey's and ShopRite Receipts: Suzanne Watson:

- The PTO was given a check for \$136.20 just from McCaffery's receipts. Keep saving your receipts and sending them in to the office.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- Open Chair Positions: Spirit Wear (2), Scholastic Book Fair (2) (10/30 to 11/3), Magazine Drive (1),
- Denise Wilson would like to collect soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Send in your soda tabs and she will get them to the right place.
- Denise Wilson will chair the Spring Fundraiser - Mixed Bags - thank you!
- Carolyn Vogel and Kathleen Conti volunteered for Hospitality - thank you!
- Denise Wilson asked if we could do more to promote the Office Depot/Office Max rewards program. They have a Binder-buy-back program that people might not know about. Bring in a used binder and get \$2 off the price of a new binder.
- Charlene Livezey suggested we put the school ID# at the bottom of the back to school supply list so when parents who might print it out will have the ID number handy.

UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS:

OCT 12

NOV 9 (7PM)

DEC 14

JAN 11

FEB 8

MAR 8

APR 12

MAY 10

Meeting commenced at 10:50AM.