

September 2021 General PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Amber P, Heather G, Lori B, Kathryn D, Lynn K, Dr. Wuch, Mrs. Luesse, Ms. Schrappen, Mrs. Wright, Emily H, Jonathan L, Karissa K, Annie T, Jessie R, Kaylyn M, Lauren P, Dan B, Nora V, Katie G, Rachel O, Mary Jo C, Lindsay B, Lucy P, Elisa R, Chelsea W, Michael L, Suzie B

1. **Welcome and Board Introductions:** PTO mission and goals

Welcome to lots of new families.

Thanks Nora for the homemade lanyards and future donation! Would love to share the finals with the ERS community.

May 2021 Meeting Minutes approved.

2. **Committee Updates:**

- Thanks to the Welcome Committee for their work with the signs to welcome new families.
- Back to School Bash Update: Kona will give us 20% once we hit their minimum. Lots of details still pending given the initial rain out. Picnic dinners are encouraged.
- Dinner & A Movie October 1: Outdoor Family Event held outside the gym. Raya & The Last Dragon (pending licensing with Kathryn) Option to order pizza in advance. Jim C. and Dr. Wuch handling much of the logistics. Glow Sticks could be a fun addition.
- Friday Morning Coffee: Suggestion to have sign ups at the table to encourage volunteers for upcoming events as needed. Board and members approve to add this monthly expense (\$265) back to the budget.
- Equity Committee: (Lori speaks on their behalf) Fairly new committee to ERS under the PTO umbrella. Encourage everyone to join their Facebook group and help promote the work for positive change. Eye See Me Book Fair had roughly \$1300 in sales revenue, therefore, just under \$260 donated to a school in need. 30 sets of multicultural crayons and other resources were donated to every ERS classroom and specials. Watch for updates from them about "members eyes and ears of support". Working on book audit by social justice committee as well as Family Reading Night.
- Dine Out Nights: Mary Jo C provides a brief overlook of the plan to serve local, small businesses of varying price points hopefully on a monthly basis. Including ERS families but also include WG community as a whole via social media and word of mouth. Suggestion to look into Shrewsbury businesses as well. Flyers to be shared at school as well as within ERS publications.
- Fun Run: Amber P and Heather G as co chairs. October 8 Broken up by grade level, during school hours with the assistance of Ms. Schrappen. Need sponsors (various levels) for t-shirts and prizes etc. (\$25-30 per kid fundraising goal; without expectations) How likely are we to get this on a weekend to include more adults? During the day gets all the kids involved. Also acknowledge that covid protocols don't allow for such a crowd.
- Passive Fundraising: brief synopsis of Box Tops, corporate matching, AmazonSmile, Coca-Cola. ERS could be a recipient of the United Way Campaign.

Please sign up for committees!

- This year's fundraising goal is to update the outside area for dining. For the benefit of both students and staff/faculty. Share this goal with the community; it's important they see to what they are contributing.
- ERS/WG Spirit Store: St. Louis Sportswear shop will open in the next few weeks per Wuch. Look for email announcement. Request to please add XS and masks for purchase. Possibility to purchase year round? Historically, the school benefits more from this periodic drives instead of full accessibility.
- Buzz Book - look for end of September

3. **Treasurer's Report** (Kathryn)

- Payment to Dr. Wuch for various budgeted expenditures (this includes Camp Wyman Grants, pool maintenance, assemblies etc. Payment to Dr. Wuch for teacher grants (potential for PTO to request receipts for full disclosure)

ACTION ITEM: Remove pond from budget as the pond no longer exists within the courtyard.

- Please seek reimbursement if you've paid out of pocket during event planning. Non-for-profit forms can be shared to people as needed. "In Kind" form can be created and shared with chairs. Even if person wants to "donate" supplies and not seek reimbursement, treasurer still needs to know because that may not always be the case and should be budgeted.

- Passive donations, as shown above.

ACTION ITEM: note to remind participants to keep "renewing" their enrollment in AmazonSmile.

4. **Dr. Wuch School Updates:** 400 enrollment. Most new students ever (30)! 100 new students to campus- this plays a part in pickup/drop off. Plenty of feedback about how to help this process. Wuch welcomes all suggestions. Priority is to make the "new" kids feel comfortable coming back from being virtual. Lunches also getting worked through because the weather has played a large factor and not allowed for eating outdoors.

Mrs. Wright: Must login to the parent portal and complete Acceptable User Agreement (2-5 grade) for their personally issued devices. Reminder to parents to share this info with their kid(s).

Ms. Schrapen: between she and Mr. Jordan they see all 400 of the students for PE and/or health.

Mrs. Luesse: intro plus a few handouts. Lessons every other week, subjects/topics based on grade level. Zones of Regulation.

New business and calendar review tabled at this time as well as Q&A since it's getting dark and late. Please join us at Fuzzy's for the PTO social. Meeting adjourned.

Next PTO meeting via Zoom Thursday, October 7 6:30
Minutes submitted by L. Kerrigan

