

PTO Minutes: January 12, 2021

Attendees: M. Urranaga, W. White, A. Mollica, M. Pelloth, M. Sirois, M. Silvestro, E. Boudria, S. Lopofsky, A. Stark, C. Cugno, B. Previti, C. Gombotz, T. Wolski, J. Hrubiec

- Treasurer Report
 - \$57,393 total. Checking account increased, no expenses.
- Staff Appreciation
 - M. Silvestro and S. Lopofsky still coming up with ideas
 - Budget of \$1,200. Increase from \$1000 last year
 - Beginning of May. Official week is 5/3-5/7. Only one day last year
 - Can't be in building, have to be delivered or dropped off
 - 107 staff members
- Principal Update
 - Remote learning week went very smooth, thanks to support of staff, families and students
 - Lots of gratitude for amazing staff, especially curriculum staff
 - Quarantine guidelines changed from 14 days to 10 days
 - Budget increase proposed of 4.56%, 3% of which is already accounted for. Jan 25, Feb 8 are budget meetings with more info
 - Families have been very good about following guidelines, travel advisory info is on website
 - Vaccination schedule for educators is unknown. Hopefully soon!
- Grocery Update
 - Stop&Shop increase of ~\$600. Total \$3,038.17
 - Shop-Rite isn't participating
- Sports Night Update
 - Nothing in near future
- Scholastic Update
 - Made \$386.98. Less than half of May's online Scholastic fair
 - Made \$92 Scholastic Dollars. Total over \$800
 - Spent \$265 Scholastic Dollars on books for teachers. Some books haven't gotten to teachers yet, but working on it.
 - Spring fair? Not worth it. Maybe outdoors? Wait and see.
- Spirit Wear Update
 - Over \$1500 sales, profit of ~\$400. 10 order difference from last year.
 - Almost everyone has received, no complaints!
- Holiday Ornament Update
 - A successful alternative to holiday shop!
- Marketing and Social Media Update
 - Upbeat still possibility, in communication with Jack Rudy
 - Still an open position in the meantime
- December Raffle Update
 - \$495 profit

- Problems included some expired prizes that needed to be swapped. PTO emails hacked partway through.
- Fun Run Update
 - On hold. Most likely pushed until fall '21 or further
- 5th Grade Committee Update
 - Yearbook - in progress
 - T-Shirts - in progress
 - Pasta Supper - not happening
 - End-of-Year Party - hopeful. Planning for outside, together by May
 - Fundraiser - possible Shred-It event with BHS Booster Club
 - Costs \$750 for truck to come for 3 hours (still looking for cheaper options). Cost would be split upfront
 - Last time, \$1000 profit, split 50/50
 - Cost \$10 a box. Tentatively planned 4/24, to coincide with car wash and/or clothing drive
 - Need \$375 fronted by PTO, either loan or donation
 - 5th grade committee has enough \$ for shirts and yearbooks. No extra, and hasn't asked parents for money
 - Motion for PTO to donate \$375 to 5th Grade? PASSED
 - Motion to re-allocate money from assemblies budget? PASSED
- Scouts
 - Great participation- even recruited 3 new scouts!
 - 5th graders to cross in March- first 2 females in Berlin
 - In December, made cards and ornaments for seniors
 - In January, will have police officer join virtually
 - In February, Pinewood Derby will be virtual. Possibly pre-record dens, then have live race
- Upcoming Events
 - Spring Family Nights? Let's wait until March
 - Maybe see what other schools are doing?
 - Does any one have any ideas?
- Other
 - Thank you Berlin BOE for snow days!

Next meeting: February 9, 2021 @6:30pm