

9/7/22 PTO Board Meeting Minute Summary

Treasurer's update: The PTO has \$82,244 cash on hand. Recent income has come from membership dues, promotional items, Amazon Smile, and marquee announcements. Expenses include the Welcome Back Event and routine annual expenses.

Budget approval: It was recommended that the proposed budget be amended to increase the Shamrock Shake budget to \$1,000 and the Staff Appreciation budget to \$3,000. The actual number of eighth graders will be needed for the 8th Grade PTO Budget as the current budget amount is based off of 80 students. There was a discussion that promotional items, such as yard signs and magnets, have a separate line on the budget and possibly be combined with Spirit Wear. It was also discussed that Pleasantdale Eats be combined with the Fundraising line. The proposed budget will be revised and be presented at the next meeting.

Administrator Reports:

Dr. Palzet: The Welcome Back Event was a success and enjoyed by all. At the September Board meeting, there will be a discussion about the future of the District's facilities, including the possibility that the District will construct an early childhood center, encompassing Pre-K through 1st grade. If such a center was constructed, the Elementary School would consist of 2nd-5th grades and Middle School would consist of 6th-8th grades. The District will work with a consultant for this project and will be seeking parent input. There are new changes to the students' MAP testing schedule: 1st graders will be tested in the spring; 2nd-7th graders will be tested in the winter and spring; and 8th graders will be tested in the fall and winter. The District will be issuing a series of state of the school videos, each one focusing on a different topic. Parent - teacher conferences are scheduled for November 3rd and 4th this year. November 3rd will be in person and November 4th will be over Zoom. In regards to teacher shortages, the District will be working with other Lyons Township schools on establishing a partnership with Illinois State University in which graduating student teachers can interview for and receive job offers in the spring before they graduate, rather than waiting until the summer after graduation.

Mrs. Tomei: The Elementary School is off to a great start and has successfully held many back to school events, including the Kindergarten Play Date, Picture Day, Curriculum Night, and the Welcome Back Luncheon. As an update on last year's projects, the picnic tables under the blue canopies have been set up, new gym mats are en route, and the art from last year's artist in residence has been installed. Mrs. Tomei also delivered a message from Dr. Arundel, who thanked the PTO for the Welcome Back Event and for the courtyard makeover.

Committee Reports:

8th Grade Committee: The first meeting is planned for September 14th in the Middle School library. They have been given the budget and information for the year.

Family Connection Committee: On August 11th, the first New Family Meet and Greet was held and had an excellent turn out. Over 120 people RSVP'd to attend with a great showing of both new and veteran families. A special thanks to the building secretaries who have worked at

keeping this new committee informed of newly registered families, as well as the 20 committee members who have represented Pleasantdale so well.

Room Rep: Room and Field Day rep assignments are being finalized and will be sent out soon. To improve efficiency and timeliness, the class party planning form was digitized and will be completed by the room reps and shared with class teachers and Mrs. Tomei.

Elementary book fair: Fall book fair dates are set. Mrs. Steinmetz handles ordering the books and a sign up genius will be sent out soon to recruit volunteers. The drop off date is October 17th. Sales will occur during classes and after school 10/18-10/21. On October 22nd, there will be sales and pack-up, and then pick up on October 24th.

Halloween Hop: The Halloween Hop is scheduled for October 28th and is planned to be an outside trunk-or-treat, monster themed, with games built into the trunk design. They are working on possible candy donations. A DJ is planned. An indoor back up plan should be considered in case of inclement weather.

Golf outing: The foursomes for the golf outing are almost sold out. Non-golfer tickets remain available. In an attempt to attract additional sponsors, an email should be sent out reminding parents about the event and sponsorship opportunities.

Library volunteers: All volunteer spots have been filled.

Old Business:

Marquee: No issues have been presented for the birthday marquee.

Welcome Back Event: The event was a success and positive feedback was received.

Yard Signs and Magnets: Excess inventory could be sold on website, but delivery logistics will have to be worked out.

Teachers' favorite things: The list can be resubmitted to the staff and encouraged to be completed in time for the holidays.

New Business:

Adult Social Committee: Ideas should be considered for the trivia night/small fundraiser. The goal of the event would be to raise \$2,500 and, ideally, would take place in February or early March. Additional fundraisers, such as a shopping event, comedy night, fitness class or Flying High event, should be considered alongside the traditional Pleasantdale Eats fundraisers. A potential holiday shopping event at the Burr Ridge Center was discussed. This event could include multiple stores and end with refreshments at a local establishment.

Open forum:

PTO membership is lower than expected. Dr. Palzet and Mrs. Tomei said they would provide links to the PTO website in their weekly emails and Dr. Palzet said he would encourage parents to join the PTO in his next update video.

Upcoming Events:

Golf Outing - September 24th

Next PTO Meeting - October 4th

Elementary Book Fair - October 18th-24th

