

PTO Meeting Minutes
Workman Elementary
November 15th, 2023



Attendees:

Principal: Ms. Cori Johnson
Co-Treasurer: Tabatha Malvitz
Co-Treasurer: Laura Sawaya
Secretary: Michele Vargas
Committee Lead: Jill Guinn
Teacher Representative: Jamie Allen

Parent Attendants

Erin Martell
Rebeca LaFrance
Emily Bambini
Sarah Morawski

Items Discussed:

- ❖ **Celebration Of Diversity Night**- decided that it will likely not happen this year due to not having enough support volunteers.
- ❖ **Hands On Science Night**- There are four options for science night which are english, math, stem, space. Decided our first choice is stem and our second choice is space. Optional date is February 27th. We need to check with Di on the calendar. The event lasts 2 hours and we need 20 volunteers.
- ❖ **Robotics Club**- the organization is called First Robotics. Mike Hasan from Hoban will be meeting with parents tomorrow night. Miss Zuzo has agreed to take the lead. With four additional parents. Two instructors are needed per six kids. More info to come will send out a flier.
- ❖ **NJHS volunteers for PTO meetings**- looking for someone to call pioneer NJHS contact Dana Hunter. We want to offer to watch kids during the PTO meetings for the rest of the year and need to put this on their sign-up schedule. Erin Martell volunteered to do this.
- ❖ **Tea drop**- Hamal arranged for Flourish Canton tea company to come and do a tea drop. This involves bringing samples of teas and coupons to all the staff members. Everyone agreed we would like to do this. Maybe the week after Thanksgiving would be a good day.
- ❖ **Driveline update**- school has been practicing with the new app the plan is to start with bussing only at first. All students and buses have been assigned a number. This app will also be used for alerts, emergencies and communication between office and classroom. The concern for replacing this system in the pickup loops is that it will not be faster.
- ❖ **Schedule PTO meetings for 2023**
- ❖ January 17th, February 7th, March 7th, April 11th, and May 16th. All meetings will be held in school at 7:00 p.m. .

Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Scrip committee**. Question as to whether or not it's worth going back to flyers to hand out to our families and orders collected by hand. Agreed it was not worth the time and to continue doing it online because it's easier even if orders are smaller.
- ❖ **Family movie night** was a big hit. We sold \$150 worth of cotton candy and ran out. Next movie night will be December 9th hoping to make it a drop off. We need one volunteer for every 32

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students hoping to get NJHS volunteers. This will only be for students of Workman. Question as to whether we should cap it off at 100 students and do separate times for grade levels to manage the crowd easier. Tabitha will pass on this information to Laura

- ❖ Staff appreciation. Tabitha printed and sent a form to all teachers to fill out including all of their likes and preferences. This will be used for the stock the fridge campaign could also possibly use for wish lists. Emily Bambini will enter this data from the list and get it to Cori.
- ❖ Erin Martell will stock the teacher break room for conferences tomorrow so the teachers have snacks and drinks available. She will submit the receipts to the PTO for reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ The Hassle Free Fundraiser this year raised a total of \$7,792. Compared to last year which was \$9,178. Numbers have been low since covid. Discussed how to bring up the total. In the past we asked for \$40 per student but now we only ask for \$25. Question whether we should have a spring fundraiser to raise more money. We will post a poll on Facebook and have a meeting to see if there's interest in a fun run.
- ❖ Cori will arrange a meeting for December 6th at 7:00 p.m. inviting parents to come for an "interest" meeting. Laura will put together a flier. Set at January meeting for planning. 10 planners are wanted and 50 volunteers are needed. Look into the fundraising program we used last time get moving fundraising

Principal's Report:

- ❖ Kindness day went well, names were drawn to per grade winners received a stress ball candy bracelets went out to every student.

New Business:

- ❖ Erin will get prices on fixing the sign she needs to measure. Stewart's sign company will come out to give us a price on fixing.
- ❖ Science fair Sarah will take on science fair and happily headed up. Thinking about the first week of April. She will send a packet out to each student, certificates will be given to participants. Plan on a flier to go out with children at Hands-On science night.