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# Sandyston-Walpack PTO

December 2022

Welcome

Meeting started at 7:01pm

- President Update
  - Approval of Sept/Oct/Nov minutes needs to wait until the executive board is present so they can approve them.
  - The tree lighting was a huge success! Thank you to the music teacher who did a phenomenal job and went above and beyond anything we have done in the past. Thank you to those who put all the lights on. Thank you to the volunteers for setting up, breaking down and handing out the hot chocolate and candy canes. It was overall a great community event. Seeing so much staff there was also fantastic.
  - PTO Closet is underway. Stephanie Fryer & Monica Eulo have kindly created a sign up genius. Thank you to Jen Jones who brought a ton of water tonight and stocked the cabinets as well as hand sanitizer. There is enough sanitizer for the staff to use as well!
- Vice President Update
  - Unable to come due to sickness.
- Treasurer Update
  - Unable to come due to sickness. However we have recieved the municipal alliance refund as well as another check from read-a-thon. We will need the cash box again next week for the Holiday Shoppe.
- Principal Update
  - Concert is the 15th. Please make sure you follow the rules as far as when to arrive and parking, etc. We have a small parking lot and we need things to run as smoothly as possible. A letter went home as well as an e -mail and it's on the weekly newsletter. Thank you!
  - Per Dr. Kochis we can no longer allow the PTO to photograph students at PTO events that are at the school during school hours. We have no control over what's happening with the pictures after someone takes them and no good will come out of it. Please also be mindful of the no photograph list. We don't want to break any rules.
  - Ms. Greene complimented how well the tree lighting was with the hot chocolates and the wonderful singing. Also said the staff had great feedback from the last school store as far as the products we purchased and how it was run.
- Social Media update:

- A lot of work went into making the PTO website. I wanted to thank Mr. Kraemer for pushing the site to the top of the schools website. I appreciate it! Also, please get on the website, take a look and send me back any feedback. This site is used to put EVERYTHING PTO related and I want it to look presentable and be full of information so please feel free to let me know what can be improved.
- Holiday Shoppe
  - 12/12 during school and after school
  - 12/13 during school
  - We are still looking for some volunteers on Monday afternoon and for Tuesday morning. We want to give everyone an opportunity to volunteer.
  - Last year we used a vendor and they were able to send home a price sheet so we will try to come up with something quickly that we can print and send home with the kids, like a budget sheet.
- Winter raffle
  - We got confirmation for the state to go forward. We are printing the tickets and sending them home as quickly as possible.
  - Last day to collect tickets will be on 12/20
  - Winner be will announced at the cookie walk
  - \$500 worth of gift cards! ONE WINNER
- Cookie Walk
  - Boxes have been ordered.
  - Sign up genius has been sent out.
  - This isn't just for the school so please share with your families and friends in town etc.
  - Will have hand sanitizer out for everyone as well as gloves and tongs to grab the cookies.
  - Peanut free table will be supervised the entire night.
- Bingo night
  - The next bingo night will be sponsored by Hainesville General Store. Thank you to the HGS for their generous donation.
  - We will have baked goods for sale there as well as pizza.
  - There will be a google form sign up just to get a head count but there will be no limit on attendees.
  - Sandyston residents only.
- Yearbook
  - We have started a schedule to use for different volunteers to come and photograph the students.
  - Boosters sales are open. Thanks to Jen Jones for all her hard work trying to get all these businesses to purchase boosters.

- Amanda is going to create a how to video so we can share with people who are having a hard time creating a booster.
- Yearbooks will be \$15 this year.
- Yearbooks do not go on sale for a few more weeks.
- Class parents
  - The Winter Party is getting underway.
  - Class parents are ready to have another great celebration
  - Using crock pots for hot food items
  - Staff will get back to us about the possibility of a sing a long.
- Dine to donate-
  - Slappacker & Barnyard reached out and wanted to do a dine to donate with us.
  - We will also schedule one with Layton Hotel as Rui is always so generous to the school.
- Open forum
  - Jess Eaton is turning in her Chili Cook off trophy after 3 years! She is ready to pass it off. We will store it in the shed.
  - Care closet- Beth Konopinski said there is not a ton of items on the sheet right now but she is going to try to create a form or flyer that we can send out to families if they would like to donate towards the care closet.
  - Roz McEvily sent Amanda Newton some ideas for tool bingo & toy bingo. Different things we can bring to the school. Something to look into. Amanda will share that info with Rachel & Nina.
  - Talk about doing a sip & paint somewhere, like a moms PTO night out!
  - Possibly reaching out to painted grape for a kids painting class.
  - Board & Brush would be a great place to get a gift certificate for the Winter Warm up raffle.
- Close Meeting at 7:32 seconded by Amanda Newton

Attendees: Rachel Weiss, Amanda Newton, Jen Jones, Beth Konopinski, Roz McEvily, Sarah Houghtaling, Jessica Eaton, Celeste Hansen, Katlin Straway, Joseph Kramer, Beth Greene