

Sandyston-Walpack PTO

February 2023

- Welcome
 - Meeting started at 7:01pm by Rachel Weiss
- Approval of January minutes
 - Seconded by Jen Jones
- President Update
 - Welcome everyone! Stephanie, Paul and Kristen are unable to make it to the meeting so we will not be able to vote on certain matters. They will be updated after the meeting.
 - Chili cook off is canceled. We will try again for next year!
 - Board & Brush night out was a great night! We were able to raise \$120 for just having some fun. The teachers that attended had a wonderful night too. Thanks to everyone who came, we can't wait to work with them again. Board & Brush is having a spring break event for the kids, we will share that on our social media pages.
 - Dine to Donate is the 16th at Nonno's. They are donating 20% which is extremely generous! Thank you to them!
 - Gertrude Hawk is underway and due the 13th!
 - Mrs. Wesighan said they are doing another book fair May 30th- June 2nd. She is looking for volunteers again like we did last time. We will put that out when the time gets closer.
 - Our merchandise vendor, Twenty four ink is having a sale for field day shirts. \$5.99!! That includes the color and a logo. We typically pick 2 colors and this will be saving us a lot of money. We used to pay \$7-\$8 per shirt.
 - Teacher Appreciation will be the last full week of April. State testing is most of May and we don't want to interfere with that.
- Vice President update
 - Unable to attend. Update at next meeting.
- Treasurer Update
 - Unable to attend. Did send an e-mail with a finance update!
- Principal/Super Update
 - Dr. Kochis just completed the Impact Aid Seminar. No other updates as of now!
- Teacher/Staff Update
 - Ms. Misyak gave a health update. We are still dealing with the stomach bug and they are dropping like flies. Stay healthy, stay home if you are sick.
- Election Committee
 - Every year we have to hold an election for the executive board. We need to form an election committee. Beth Konopinski reached out after receiving the email with

the agenda and expressed she would be interested in being on the committee. Jess Eaton said she will also be on the committee.

- Everyone needs to submit a letter of intent by 3/31.
- There are guidelines for running and all of that can be found on our website under the tab, PTO TEAM. This has been advertised on the website for a month and will now be advertised on social media and in the weekly newsletters.
- A lot of questions if this is new but we explained it just has not been enforced in a few years and will be here on out.
- Social Media Update
 - No real social media update. Except that we have a meeting with Golf business on Saturday. They are thinking on the bigger side of events and Lisa said they have reached out to them before so maybe we can work with the rec on something here!
- School Store
 - School store is this Friday, Feb 10th. We have volunteers lined up.
 - We did another order for the school store, and got a lot of great new things. Looking forward to it!
 - Ms. Greene is going to make a schedule again and send it to us. 8:30-11:30am.
- Science Fair
 - We know we originally had the science fair scheduled for 3/3 but our chairperson had a family emergency and was traveling. We think it would be best to give more time for planning and move it to another date.
 - 3/31 seems to be the best date. We need to fill out a facility use form.
 - Homework passes as an incentive for entering the science fair.
 - Reached out to Liberty science center but I haven't heard back yet. Sterling mine center said they aren't doing fundraising right now. We need some good science prizes.
 - Roz said at the last meeting maybe we could get a robotics team to come do a demonstration.
 - Stephanie needs to reach out to Mr. Suptman with a new science fair date.
- Bingo Night
 - Rachel and Nina talked about doing candy bingo, and wanted to know everyone's opinion on doing something like that.
 - Bingo night is 5/19
 - Snack bingo or pokemon? Maybe legos?
 - Smelly Bingo!! Scented markers, erasers, crayons etc. This is a great idea!
- Makers Market
 - We don't want to take away from TREPS which is 5/12.
 - If we do something before then that might not give enough time for the makers to make things.
 - Makers only. 80% handmade. No vendors.
 - Date for the Makers Market is 11/3! Give time for people to shop before the Holidays. Need to form a committee. Theresa Prtorich is in charge of this.

- Tricky Tray
 - We need to form a committee. This needs to be 10-20 people.
 - Hold the Tricky Tray in the spring of 2024!
 - Tricky tray games, more ways to bring in money
 - Kelly Celi offered her basement to store items for tricky tray.
 - We could possibly have it at Frankford school?
- Kids Paint- Lisa Hess
 - Lisa hosts a paint your pet class for adults through her business, Treehouse Crafts.
 - Kids paint Tyler class!
 - Very simplified version of a paint by number? Possibly put the numbers in the painting.
 - Will give them three choices for the background color. The picture will be drawn out on the canvas and ready to be painted by the time the class starts.
 - We will do 15 kids per class. Charge \$15 per student.
 - \$10 to Lisa, \$5 to PTO
 - Lisa uses event brite for sign up.
 - 8x10 Canvas
 - 3-4:30pm
 - Have a couple parent volunteers with Lisa to help distribute paint and clean up.
 - Tyler can come?
- Open Forum
 - Garden Club
 - Jane Farrel wants to start a garden club. We know that lowes is doing a lot of donations to schools right now, we might be able to get a greenhouse, you never know! We can fill that paperwork out soon.
 - Who's going to keep the garden during the summer? What does she want to plant? This would be nice but we need her to run a proposal through the BOE first.
 - Ms Misyak said St. Clares is doing teddy bear ER on 4/19.
 - This is for k & 1st grades. It's to get them familiar with an ambulance and care from EMT's. We will need to sign a photo release form. This will be a great photo op for the yearbook!
 - Ms Misyak brought up a Mother's Market. She is overwhelmed with donations sometimes and this might be a great thing for us to host in the spring. Gently used clothes, toys, furniture, baby items etc. We definitely want to do this!
 - School dance
 - Amanda Newton brought an itemized budget for a school dance.
 - We need to have the exec board vote on this due to the cost.
 - We will charge per person to come which will hopefully cover our overhead.
 - Some items can be donated if possible and that will save us money.
 - Staff & parents were very excited about this!

- Once the budget is approved we can fill out a facility use form. We chose the date, 4/21.
- Some questions about the 6th grade trip. Mr. Kramer advised the parents to attend the BOE meeting. More information for the 6th grade trip will be coming out.
- Possibly starting a 6th grade committee. Bake sales, car washes, fundraising efforts to make their trip more cost friendly?
- Removal of the lights, Lisa Hess is taking them down on 2/11 - Amanda Newton will help. Rachel has a PTO shed key and we can put everything away.
- Motion to close meeting at 8:17 by Amanda Newton, seconded by Rachel Weiss.

Attendees: Joe Kraemer, Jennifer Nisler, Sharon Misyak, Theresa Prtorich, Olivia Folkers, Amanda Newton, Jen Jones, Rachel Weiss, Jessica Eaton, Beth Greene, Lisa Hess