

Sandyston-Walpack PTO

October Minutes

- Welcome. Meeting began at 7:01 pm
- President update:
 - Will be discussing all updates throughout the meeting.
- VP Update:
 - Stephanie Fryer says everything is going well.
- Reform of executive board:
 - Stephanie gave her notice for the VP position and Amanda sent a letter of intent. Motion to move Amanda Newton to VP position, by Rachel Weiss. Seconded by Beth Konopinski.
- Treasurer update:
 - Everything is in full swing. Deposited the pizza lunch money. We just got all the checks from Mum fundraiser and will be depositing those ASAP. Will have a final amount at the next meeting. Looking into changing PayPal from business to personal this way we do not incur a fee.
 - Kristen is going to discuss with Paul and give us an update next month.
- Social Media update:
 - We got Canva Pro for free because we are a non profit organization. Every flier we make will be linked to the canva account so going forward whoever takes over the PTO will have access to all the stuff we have made. Instagram was made after our last meeting. We have a lot of followers already and we are posting 2-3x per day. I will also advertise whatever the school sends!
- Superintendent update:
 - So nice to see everyone here. Introduced himself and said he is shared super and Mr. Kramer is at our school part time and hopefully will be there more days starting November. Either Dr. Kochis or Mr. Kramer will be in attendance at our PTO meetings. Feels like we are back in full swing like it was pre covid. Thank you to Casey Sutton, businesses and families for decorating. It was a lovely boost of morale on our Monday morning. The school looks beautiful. September went fast, looking forward to October. They are having a staff meeting this week to iron out details on the pumpkin run and halloween parade.
- Mum Sale:
 - It was successful. We don't have the full amount but we love working with ideal farms.
- Read-a-thon:

- Something new. We had 44 students sign up. We know it's not for everyone but we hope that more students sign up and it is used as encouragement. We have raised \$2k. We still have 8 days left.
- Assembly:
 - Snakes & Scales on 10/12. The nurse is sending out a permission slip for the children to be able to touch the animals.
- Class Parent Update: We sent out an email after the class parents were selected. We never heard back after and therefore we held our class parent meeting. We were then told the staff was upset so we will be holding another class parent meeting with the teachers. We hope moving forward we can have better communication. Dr. Kochis told Rachel Weiss to communicate all dates and information regarding PTO through him. Dr. Kochis agrees.
- Book fair & Book bingo:
 - All the volunteers have been set. Book bingo is underway and being headed by Ninva Vassallo. We will have a google form to sign up for book bingo. Cap it off at 30. Each child will win a book & then if they win again they will get other prizes. The PTO covered the cost of the books.
- Pumpkin run:
 - Rachel asked ideal farms to donate the pumpkins, waiting to hear back. Fresh pickins are already committed to two schools and next year Casey Sutton will ask sooner. Ask Jeff Engles, Ridgeview farm and or liberty farms. Lisa Hess will ask Engles.
- Drug Free t-shirt:
 - The winner was chosen. Will be announced when Mrs. Wesighan is ready. They priced out multiple vendors and went with 24INK. The invoice was submitted tonight.
- Sticker Mule order:
 - Ordered holographic stickers and mini car magnets. The magnets are much smaller than we thought. We are going to sell the sticker for \$2 and the magnets for \$3. We will start by selling this at school stores or different events. We will order bigger magnets on the next one.
- Open forum:
 - Pizza lunch is this friday. Text messages went out to volunteers. There will be a rotation of volunteers with the exception 1-2 people so that there's consistency. NO grandparents before a parent has gotten a chance.
 - Chili cook off. November 18th. Steph Fryer is heading this. Open doors at 5. Chili and cupcakes can arrive at 6. Starts promptly at 6:30
 - Tree lighting. December 2nd. We need to have a custodian to turn on exterior lights. Dr. Kochis says he will be there.
 - Put up tree lights. 11/20- need volunteers.
 - Instead of people singing at the tree lighting since Steph doesn't have contact with Music teacher, Roz McEvily suggested contacting cheerleaders and maybe something to boost morale. School spirit? Think we should make contact with music teacher.

- Ceiling tile painting- fundraiser.
 - Makers market for adults. Treps market for parents.
 - 6th grade committee - raise money to do extra with the 6th grade.
 - Chicken bingo? Would need a good emcee.
 - Duck races?
- Motion to end - 7:41pm.

- Attendees:
 - Beth Konopinski
 - Jen Jones
 - Will Kochis
 - Kristen Grzymko
 - Lisa Hess
 - Stacey Saporito
 - Beth Greene
 - Theresa Prtorich
 - Sarah Houghtaling
 - Amanda Newton
 - Melinda Bellis
 - Roz McEvily
 - Steph Fryer
 - Rachel Weiss
 - Debbie Zweig