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# Sandyston-Walpack PTO

## September Minutes

Monday, 9/12/2022

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### Agenda

1. Welcome! Meet the PTO
  2. President Update
  3. VP Update
  4. Principal/Superintendent Update
  5. Mum Sale
  6. Read-a-Thon
  7. Folders/Planners
  8. Spiritwear
  9. Volunteering/Chairs
  10. Open Forum
  11. Yearbooks
  12. Assembly
  13. Opening Lakeland Account for Raffles
  14. Drug Free T-Shirts
  15. Pumpkin Run
  16. Closing
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Attendees: Rachel Weiss, Kristen Gryzmko, Beth Konopinski, Theresa Prtorich, Amanda Newton, Beth Green, Michelle Hutnick, Wendy Weisighan, Jen Jones, Roz McEvily, Kaitlin Straway

- Welcome. Meet the PTO
  - Meeting started at 7:02pm.
  - New president- Rachel Weiss, Welcomed everyone and asked for support as it was her first “normal” school year. Update on all the events and fundraisers we want to have through the year.
- VP Update- Stephanie Fryer. Unable to make it. The VP position is open to anyone who would like to fulfill this role. Thank you to Stephanie Fryer for all the years she has put into this organization and school.
- Principal/Superintendent- Unable to make it. Dr. Kochis asked for communication to be through him for now.
- Mum fundraiser: this is a fundraiser that has been around for years. Ideal farms are great to work with and get the community involved in sales.
- Read-a-thon : This is new this year and we are excited to give it a try. Surrounding schools have been very successful with this. Granted we are a much smaller school but we are hoping we can get involvement. The idea is to register your reader and then you get sponsorships to encourage the kids to keep reading. There will be a reward to the class with the most logged minutes. Extra recess and a special treat. This was approved by Dr. Kochis.
- Folders & Planners: We were late on ordering the planners and folders this year. There was also a price increase. We need to note to order them in the months March-May. Only got planned for grades 3 and up. We would like to open discussion on not putting the school year on the calendar next year. This way any extra folders can be used the following year as well. This is a way to cut some costs.
- Spiritwear- Jill from 24 ink has added some new spiritwear and sent out flyers to everyone. This is another great way to fundraise while showing school spirit. We want to try to incorporate more spirit days.
- Volunteering/Chairs- We have changed things this year to create a more open and fair volunteer environment. We have a volunteer form that everyone can fill out letting us know what events/activities they can volunteer for. We are looking to have chairs and co chairs for each event. This way there can be a main form of contact and someone to back it up if anyone get sick, etc.
- Open forum- Amanda Newton wants to bring a father daughter dance. Someone special dance is what we can name it. Also would like to reach out to Miners and see if we can do a mom/son game. Rosalyn McEvily wants to know if there is a way we can help more of the families in need in a discrete way.

- Yearbooks- Nina Vassallo is chair of the yearbook this year. Need more donations. Want to make sure everyone has a yearbook. Please make sure to sign volunteer form if you want to be involved in yearbook.
- Assembly- We are bringing back assemblies. We plan to do snake and scales and a science one as well.
- Lakeland account- Motion to approve Opening a second lakeland account for strictly fundraiser funds use. This allows us to track exactly how much our fundraisers bring in. Approved -Rachel Weiss Seconded - Amanda Newton
  - Signers on the account- Rachel Weiss & Kristen Grzymko.
- Drug free T shirts - contest for designing t-shirts. Winning kid gets their design put on the t-shirt. We are pricing out different places, Newton trophy and 24ink. Debating on if we will put all the names on the back (cost wise). We ultimately ended with making sure the names are on the back because the kids really enjoy it!
- Pumpkin run- Asked if all the kids like to take the pumpkins home? We are hoping to reach out to a few places to get donations or low cost for the pumpkins. We are doing this on a different day than we do the halloween parade. This will create less chaos. According to Dr. Kochis, parents will be able to come and view both of these events.
- Closing. Meeting ends at 8:10pm. Seconded by Kristen

Sandyston Walpack PTO Executive Board

Rachel Weiss- President

Stephanie Fryer - VP

Amanda Newton- Secretary

Kristen Grzymko - Treasurer