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# Sandyston-Walpack PTO

September 2023

- Welcome to the new school year. Meeting started at 7:01 pm.
- President update:
  - Welcome everyone! Excited to have a great school year with you all. Thank you for coming,
  - Two pizza lunches per month this year. We sent a survey out and it was a big hit! A lot of responses.
  - First price increase for pizza lunch in many years!
  - We are working on a new schedule for pizza lunch volunteers and we will be in contact with them and be able to schedule everyone so there are no conflicts in work.
  - Class parents are finalized and an e-mail will go out this week scheduling a meeting with the staff and parents.
  - We need to get an assembly committee together so we can figure out our first assembly.
  - Book fair October 23rd-26th. Mrs. Ballo will need to reach out to let us know how many parents we need.
  - The volunteer form that we created last year was sent out again and we noticed not a lot of people signed up so we need to blast that out again!
  - Garden club is not going to be able to happen this fall but they will resume in the spring time!
- Vice President update:
  - Welcome Jen Jones as our NEW VP! We are excited to work together this year and to bring the staff and students a lot of fun.
  - Was able to secure 150 pumpkins for the pumpkin run that was generously donated from Fresh Pickins
  - Going to touch base with Kerry Deckert for the pumpkin run.
- Treasurer Update:
  - Needing to vote on a tentative amount of \$600 for red ribbon t-shirts.
    - Vote is put on hold by Amanda Newton. Will vote for this as an executive board.
  - Balance 11,957.72
  - Fundraising 1,957.69
  - Teacher grants and regional scholarships have been cashed this year.
  - Any and all receipts please get to kristen because she is quick to reimburse,
  - When she is here we can have a budget meeting.
- Principal Update:
  - Assembly committee.
  - Ideas and prices and reach out to other schools and other PTO's .

- Rely heavily on pto to find good prices etc.
- Pizza lunch and class teachers- meeting is soon.
- Education foundation-
  - A lot of donations from the community.
  - Partnership etc.
  - Once a month if we have a pto rep there.
  - Doing a lot of kickoff work - looking for community members
  - Pto is for students and teachers, Education foundation is for seniors and community enrichment. Expertise to build after school clubs.
  - Talent show
  - Get volunteers
  - Great with character ed plans and all their drills
- MAP testing started
- NJSLA data
- Academic achievement is a priority on my list.
- Looking forward to a great year,
- Read-a-thon
  - 9/18-10/6
  - Can we collect data and this way we can say it during morning announcements.
- Mum fundraiser
  - Is underway, we have until 10/2 to collect all paperwork and we will give vouchers out every few days.
- Pumpkin run
  - 150 pumpkins are donated from fresh pickins
  - This will be on October 30th in the afternoon.
- Fall gertrude hawk
  - We will be in touch with our rep and we rely heavily on the gertrude hawk fundraiser.
- Bathroom Update
  - We created all these great quotes last year and had them approved by Mr. Kraemer, now we need to finally print them on the removable vinyl and apply.
  - Looking to put mirrors again in the upper hall bathrooms.
- Tricky Tray
  - This will be a big undertaking,
  - We need to start planning far out in advance
  - Should we look to postpone the tricky tray another year and then do the Makers Market instead?
  - Theresa P will do the maker's market. She is going to make a flier and present it next meeting
- Tree lighting/Chili cook off
  - December 1st for tree lighting, has to be checked with Mr. Grubic
  - Get more hot chocolate than last year.
  - No to chili cook off
- Cookie Walk

- Purchase the movie license so we can show a christmas movie with the cookie walk.
  - This will hopefully bring out more families.
- Holiday Store / School Store
  - Get some dates on the calendar and let's do an inventory of everything we have!
- Bingo Nights
  - Looking for some businesses that might want to sponsor the bingo night.
  - This is a FREE event for the school community
- Open Forum
  - Outside water fountain fix?
  - Michelle Lockwood. Speak at 630 one night, inclusive education, supporting all learners in the classroom. December meeting?
  - Lure more people in 12/4
  - Addison - lock doesn't need. Calculator is being used a lot.
- Close of meeting
  - 7:52 , seconded by Amanda Newton

Attendees: Amanda Newton, Theresa Prtorich, Lilly Newton, Danielle Engels, Jen Jones, Beth Konopinski, Sharon Misyak, Wendy Wesighan, Wendy Hagen, Rachel Weiss, Brooke Phillips.