

February Agenda 02/21

Wednesday / 21 February 2024 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM ONLY! [PFE PTO Zoom link](#)

AGENDA

1. Principal's Remarks

- a. Many holidays to celebrate in February! African American Read-In was last Friday. Yesterday was Elementary Chess Tournament. Today was Math 24 Tournament. Penn State football players are coming to read to students tomorrow. Family book club (Linked) is on Tuesday, 2/27. Next week is spirit week as well, then SPRING BREAK!

2. Introduction of officers & members

- a. Rebecca Desmarais, Evelyn Bellinger, Jialing Wang, Jendy Cicero, Dr. Jessica Quinter, Ona Gabriel, Amy Lawrence, Mary Hodges

3. Approval of January minutes

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Rebecca Desmarais.
- b. Motion to approve by Mary Hodges, Seconded by Amy Lawrence.

4. Treasurer report and updates

- a. See attached report.

5. Basket Bingo recap

- a. Fantastic event! We had ~415 participants attend! Raised \$6464.00, despite only being able to offer cash/check payments. Changes for book table coming next year. Food sale profit pending. Nittany Entertainment did a wonderful job, and The Centre was a great venue. Emily Callejo agreed to chair again next year!

6. Yearbook ads- February 19th- March 15th, head to pfepto.com

- a. Available for purchase now on our website.
7. Yearbooks update- Available for pre-order, pfepto.com
- a. Karen Martin does a fantastic job putting the yearbook together! The PTO ensures that each 5th grader who does not purchase a yearbook will receive one. There is an option on our website to purchase a yearbook to donate. We will be recognizing Karen Martin's amazing effort putting this together!
8. March Madness books update- Ona Gabriel
- a. Bracket style tournament that matches books in one-on-one games. Teachers read them aloud to their class with discussions following. Voting occurs online and/or outside Ms Gabriel's room. Ultimately one book is voted the tournament winner.
 - b. This year only ~50% of the books need to be purchased, as we will use books from previous years.
9. 5th grade celebration- vote \$2000
- a. Inflatable water slide, Foam party, Pelican Snowcones, Popcorn bar, T-shirt signing/decorating, Photo Booth, Dunk Tank(?), Misc snacks and drinks.
 - b. Motion to approve by Mary Hodges, Seconded by Amy Lawrence. Unanimously approved.
10. Teacher appreciation vote \$2500
- a. "Around the World" theme! Coordinated by Eve Bellinger. Teachers will receive passports, and we will turn the lounge into a first-class lounge! Each day food will be focused on a different region of the world.
 - b. Motion to approve by Amy Lawrence, Seconded by Mary Hodges. Unanimously approved.
11. Any other items- spiritwear available all year, ice machine for Nurse's office, flag update, garden update

- a. Flags will hang in the cafeteria side of the multipurpose room around the edges of the room. Flags are too long to hang in the hallway as originally intended.
- b. Travis Folmar, Food Services, is interested in helping with our garden. He is looking to grow foods that can be tied into curriculum (foods and planting/harvesting processes). He has received a grant to help with costs and has applied for additional grants. More information to follow.

NEXT MEETING -

WEDNESDAY, **March** 20th, 2023/ 7:00 PM/ Zoom ONLY!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Motion to end the meeting by Mary Hodges, Seconded by Amy Lawrence.

Respectfully submitted by: Jendy Cicero

Submitted on: March 17, 2024

Approved on: