PTO Minutes for Wednesday, January 19 at 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting

**Principal’s Report:**
- Unable to attend

**Assistant Principal’s Report:**
- Unable to attend

**President’s Report:**
- We will meet on Wednesday again in February.
- The newsletter had our email for people who were interested in joining us for volunteer opportunities and ideas. I’ve added two new members from the newsletter and three from current member recruitment (thanks Jessica!!).
- **LOTS of open positions and volunteers needed for spring events (walkathon being a priority).**

**Vice President:**
- Unable to attend

**Secretary:**
- No update

**Treasurer:**
- Receipts can go in to this mailbox at the school. Next to PTO mailbox.

**Logo Clothing:**
- Designing a new T-shirt for walk-a-thon

**Social Committee:**
- **OPEN POSITION** - people can volunteer for individual events if you don't want to be in charge for the whole year.
  - An evening craft project was proposed, would need someone to lead/coordinate.
Outdoor movie night was approved last year. BCSC has a license we can use. March or April might be warm enough if someone wanted to coordinate and start planning.

- Online trivia suggested. Kelli can work on this and Lindsey F has offered to help. Structure, timing, and prize suggestions welcome! If someone has some excitement and interest in being the MC for this event, let me know!!
- Parkside’s Writing Team is planning a Spring Celebration for early May that will need some PTO assistance.

Green Team:

- No Update

Bonus Programs:

- We have made around $150 from Box Tops so far this year. Next submission date is March 1. Blythe is working on a flyer for gold folders about this (target first week in February), and will include Kroger receipts on that as well.

Book Fair:

- Meeting with Beth later this week. Total sales were $7693.17.
- Will prioritize the below for our proceeds ($1538.63):
  - Parker Bear - books and prizes
  - Books as gifts for teachers, potentially as part of Teacher Appreciation Week
  - New books for Parkside Library
- Most of our elementary schools do one book fair per year, but the Parkside Writing Team is planning a spring celebration that will include a book fair.

Newsletter

- Courtney did a great job—she is good to continue this

Landscaping:

- no update

Parker Bear:

- **OPEN POSITION** - this is a reading program for Parkside students in grades K-3. Each student tracks their minutes read for a period of time and is then rewarded with a free book.
Order books for students in grades K-3 - Kelli working on this week with either Viewpoint, Scholastic, or a combination of the two
- Set dates (flexible, should run for about a month)
- Make and share (gold folders) reading log
- Gather finished reading logs and draw for prizes (prizes will be provided by Viewpoint with Book Fair proceeds)
- Distribute books and prizes to students

Staff Appreciation:
- December’s initiative, shared with all staff.
- Michelle will need volunteers to help with Teacher Appreciation Week in May.
- February 22 is next staff appreciation treat
- March 14th—Pi(e) day??

Fundraising/Walk-a-thon:
- April 1st, 2022—potentially, Rain Date April 8th
- OPEN POSITION and great for working as a group or splitting into smaller positions:
  - Community sponsors/fundraising
  - Student communication
  - Prize selection and ordering
  - T-shirt contest management/ordering
  - Event planning (day-of items like schedule, snacks, entertainment)
- Working with Mr. Smith on a date and need to get volunteers in place to start planning.
  - Prize selection and ordering envelopes need to happen ASAP

Treasure Bucks:
- Thanks to Courtney M, Christiana, Tomoko, Susan, and Setu for putting together the Treasure Buck Bags last week!
- Volunteers will likely be needed again at the end of the third quarter. I will email the group for volunteers when a date is set.

Grade Levels:
- Holiday Wish Lists - I would like to work on these and share the link again before Teacher Appreciation Week. Will keep on the agenda to work on in March or April.
- Tree banners are officially retired. Staff were emailed that the banners are available for recycle/reuse and will be thrown away at the end of the month. If anyone reading this is interested in them for anything (as-is or parts), email Kelli (or take what you want if you’re in the school!). They each have white and green felt and a dowel rod. I do not know the exact size but I would guess they’re 2x3 feet.
· **Die Cut / Cricut survey** - ready to go out to teachers

· **Specials**
  - **Toe Tokens** - This is a student recess running program we did a few years ago for Ms. Wiley and we’d like to do again.
  - **OPEN POSITION**
    - Need someone to lead/coordinate - would consist of coordinating volunteers (setting a schedule), tracking student participation, ordering prizes (prizes are set, I have the website), and distributing prizes. We have lots of great information from how we did this in the past and a lot of flexibility with how we want to do it now. I have targeted after Spring Break to officially start this.
    - Will need volunteers to work during recess. Someone will set up the running loop in the soccer field behind the playground (marked with flags), then volunteers track the laps run by individual students.

· Pre-K –

· Kindergarten –

· 1st Grade –

· 2nd Grade –

· 3rd Grade –

· 4th Grade –

· 5th Grade –

· 6th Grade –

· **Upcoming Bulletin Board Responsibility**
  - February - Kindergarten
  - March - PTO Walkathon
  - April - Fourth Grade (Pioneer Days)
  - May - Sixth Grade (Baby Photos)

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 16, 2022**