

PPES BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Attendees:

Jessica Wiltsee (President)
Hilary Schmutz (Vice President)
Liz Williams (Treasurer)
Mira Choe (Communications)
Amy Zahniser (Secretary)
Kim Howe
Cassandra Barboza
Christine Eschenfelder
Caitlin Ladd
Alissa Olson
Caitlin Bognaski
Florentina Gaspar
Irene Saulker
Fernanda Angel
Elvia Ibarra
Carlyn Kinn
Tatiana Portella
Maren Mullin
Tony Molchan
Tricia Perkins
Amy Manelli
Kimberly Hatch
Courtney Caplan
Dani Kucera
Amy DiTullio
Jill Molchan
Julia Garland
Sara Marchetti

- Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.Introduction

- Addressed concerns for the start of the year process
- Thank you's for families, staff, and volunteers during Fun Run

2.Kim Howe

- Addressed concerns for parents that felt unwelcome or excluded by the PTA at the start of the school year

- Volunteers must be finger printed at the school district office to come into classrooms
- Sign up for committees
- Update on staff, students, and safety
- PBIS, Book vending machine, Safety are main focal points so far this year
- Teachers are learning new strategies to teach reading for grades K-1,2,3
- Ground yourself in your “why?” for staff, PTA, and parents

3.Sara Marchetti (Music Teacher)

- Classically trained and Suzuki certified
- Pocket Trumpet presentation for Live PC, Give PC ~our big “ask” this year
- Asking for full set of trumpets, method books, and cleaning kit
- \$260 per child in 5th grade
- Parents suggested sponsorship, rent to own, partner with the conservatory
- Add committee line for Trumpet project
- Sara will send 4 emails a week starting on Oct. 1st with details about the project
- Parents asked if a musical production is scheduled for this year. Principal Howe said it’s not required, however Sara and Melissa Holm (dance teacher) are collaborating on a musical dance. Principal Howe added there will be a Holiday Sing-a-Thon for each grade level.

4.Teacher Update (Perkins)

- Encourage parent volunteers for classrooms and daily help shelving books in the library (requires fingerprints)
- Thankful emails for Fun Run
- Some teachers expressed concern that there shouldn’t be prizes for Fun Run. Focus more on equality among the students.
- Earning a spot to the Principal lunch
- Keep Fun Run as a fundraiser or just for fun
- Other ideas in lieu of Fun Run; Auction, Fall Festival, Community Events

5.Treasurer Report

- Budget overview:
 - ~Carry over of \$20,000 from 2021-2022
 - ~Scholastic Dollars
 - ~Spirit Wear
 - ~Yearbook
 - ~Membership Dues
 - ~Chess Wizards
 - ~Community Outreach
 - ~Teacher Appreciation
 - ~Teacher Hospitality
- Budget voted in unanimously

6. Teacher Appreciation (Eschenfelder/Molchan)

- Introduced new chairs Caitlin Ladd and Emily Velardo to take over for next year
- Teacher Conferences are 3 weeks in October, 1 week in February
- Volunteers to set up for conference weeks, fingerprints are not required as long as you only setup in the teacher lounge
- Amy Manelli added the a teacher likes/dislikes will be emailed soon

7. Spirit Wear (Ladd)

- New order will be delivered on October 7, 2022
- Community Outreach supplied shirts to students
- Spirit wear for new teachers

8. EATS (Ladd)

- Promote healthy living within the community
- Need volunteers for greenhouse or composting (Sign Up Genius)
- Food recovery goes to Cassandra or CCPC

9. Book Fair (Williams)

- Introduced new chair Carlyn Kinn
- In person October 10-October 12, 2022, Online October 1-October 24, 2022. Hours TBD
- Teacher “wish bins” ~PTA to buy up to \$25 of leftover books.
- e-wallets for students and teachers

10. Room Parent Update (Manelli)

- Volunteer for classrooms on Sign Up Genius
- Volunteer for 5th grade Student Council

11. Open Comments

-N/A

12. Closing Comments

-N/A

Meeting Adjourned at 9:52 a.m.