

November Agenda 11/15/2023

Wednesday / 15 November 2023 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM ONLY! [PFE PTO Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1. Principal's Remarks

- a. Dr Quinter is doing well. Will likely return Thursday/Friday after Thanksgiving.
- b. Recent Gratitude Gathering with the whole school (paraprofessionals included). Students made notes of gratitude that are being shared on the morning announcements.
- c. Kindness challenge occurring now through winter break. STAR tickets celebrating kindness are being used to fill a bucket to earn a comfy day party on 12/21.

2. Introduction of officers, teachers/staff

- a. Rebecca Desmarais, Evelyn Bellinger, Jialing Wang, Jendy Cicero, Becky Kabala, Carly Sebolt, Katelyn Espenshade, Jessica Dehaut, Lindsey Zapletal, Becky Brigman, Erin Loy, Mary Hodges.

3. Approval of October minutes

- a. Motion to approve by Carly Sebolt, Seconded by Becky Kabala.

4. Treasurer report and updates - Vote on new Treasurer

- a. Sandy Sollenberger has decided to step down as PTO treasurer. We truly appreciate all her hard work and dedication in streamlining our budget and accounting practices over the past few months.
- b. Sandra Sollenberger will be removed from the PTO PNC bank account and Jialing Wang will be added before December 31, 2023.
- c. Motion to approve by Katelyn Espenshade, Seconded by Jessica Dehaut. The vote passed unanimously for Jialing Wang as the new treasurer.

5. Book Fair Recap – Total sales \$6316.64
 - a. Very successful event. We were able to purchase all remaining books on the teacher's wish lists with Scholastic Bucks.
 - b. One day book fair in the spring.
6. Spirit wear: Order here- <https://www.pfepto.com/pfe-pto-shop> by Dec. 8th
7. Dr. Titus book club-
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bgvH4J408lhUpfi0U8tuI6906LMDHvxhYY3MGhzizgU/edit?usp=drivesdk>
 - a. Look for a sign up in the coming weeks.
 - b. The book is provided to each family who signs up, is read at home, then discussed with other families at the book club.
 - c. Jan 18 7-8pm, PFE library.
8. PFE flag project-
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XFqiWtXR9i2Jonfq5xrhaIAHvr6j3YdeE3JL-L3BsU8/edit?usp=drivesdk>
 - a. 7 out of 20 of Mrs Brigman's current students speak a different language at home. This inspired her to create a more welcoming environment at PFE by purchasing and displaying flags from each country represented at PFE. A survey will be sent home to ensure all families are represented. Becky is requesting ~\$180 for the completion of this project.
 - b. A suggestion was also made to include the word "Hello" in various languages to help facilitate communication.
 - c. Local Girls Scouts are participating in World Thinking Day this spring. Could PFE support potentially host this event? More to follow.
9. Faculty & Staff Winter stipend: Vote \$2,000
 - a. \$25-50 to each teacher prior to winter break to supplement their budget.

- b. Motion to approve by Jessica Dehaut, Seconded by Carly Sebolt. The vote passed unanimously.

10. Warm Wishes luncheon: vote \$1,500 – Wednesday, Dec 20

- a. Luncheon provided to teachers and staff, catered by Twisted Whisk. Pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese. Watch for a sign up genius after Thanksgiving Break.
- b. Motion to approve by Lindsey Zapletal, Seconded by Jessica Dehaut. The vote passed unanimously.

11. Any other items

- a. Many lost and found items. Check the slideshow for images of items.
- b. Penguin Huddle – Watch for and fill out Google Form from Dayna Hughes.

Looking Ahead to the 2024

Canary: January PTO Can drive to Benefit the YMCA

Will be held in place of the chili cook-off. PTO will set up donation boxes in each classroom. The classroom with the most items donated will win extra tickets for Basket Bingo.

Basket Bingo: February 16th, Hosted at The Nittany Valley Sports Centre
Second largest fundraiser of the year. Teachers choose a basket theme and ask for donations from families to create a basket. Tickets are sold for chances to win a basket. Each child wins at least one book. Watch for more info!

See change of date for January meeting

NEXT MEETING -

The meeting was adjourned at 1947.

Motion to end the meeting by Carly Sebolt, Seconded by Becky Kabala.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024/ 7:00 PM/ Zoom ONLY!