

(INTERNAL) MINUTES

A2 STEAM PTO Community Meeting

Meeting Date:	February 15, 2022
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Format:	Zoom https://bit.ly/PTOConnect Meeting ID: 944 8923 1307; Passcode: XXXXXXXXXX

How to make a motion:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U7UkvTRFmPYKAQSo7S5LZXUQHYSnoN52/view?usp=sharing>

Previous PTO Community meeting minutes: (11/8/21)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jLFJCFVu9YEOpOguXK6Py7rfWeZ5m--jKMxHiFaSYp8/edit?usp=sharing>

Agenda Items

- **Housekeeping** - please check your zoom name and make sure it represents your name (not kids or pets!), add preferred pronouns, and add your child's/children's grade level(s) - example: Carrie Bank, she/her, 6
- Add to your calendars: PTO community meeting dates for the school year:
 - 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm: 3/14/22, 4/11/22, 5/9/22 (final meeting)
- Welcome and Introductions by the Board, Principal (Meg) and Assistant Principal (Alison)
- Parents - introduce themselves.
- Principal/AP update:
 - March is reading month, youth arts month, also Expo (virtual again).
 - NWEA testing right now, looking ahead to planning/staffing.
 - Thursday is 6th grade info evening for people moving up.
 - Next week is K roundup.
 - Soon we'll be working w/8th graders...
 - for staff: Feb fun/wellness events (Willard made smoothies!). Circuit workout w/Willard tomorrow, other things to bring levity.
 - Feb 22, (2/22/22) is tutu to work day, Parnes & Willard will wear them!
 - NAAPID, recorded storytelling, posted on website. Consider rewatching w/kids.
 - Covid #s going down, restrictions on volunteers in building might be removed. Conversations going on (district level).
 - Science Olympiad, Girls on the Run, academic tasks too. Motor Moms/Dads, reading volunteers, Bethel AME reading volunteers.
 - In 2 days, it's "random acts of kindness day" ; Ashini might bring healthy snacks.
 - Feb 23 is national banana bread day. Ashini will bring LaCroix. Most will eat banana bread from other homes. Sonia can make a gluten free/ vegan one.
- President updates:
 - A Note from the Heart (Aimee)
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1KsY9Ta4rh_xr1QPA_SrZTkioHs2BE38Ofi-IV4xQQmA/edit?usp=sharing
 - The Ultimate Taco TWOSDAY! 2/22/22 (Aimee)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094AA5A92CA5F49-theultimate>

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- 4th annual Pi(e) Day for teachers (Carrie), started in 2019 - have \$300 so far, need about \$1,000
- Vice President updates: none
- Treasurer updates - Candace
 - [Link to Budget/Performance Spreadsheet](#)
 - Changing some procedures to protect things (today, Candace transferred \$15K from checking to money market. Earns more \$, and less easy to debit/write a check.) Have heard some stories about other PTOs embezzling.
 - Ongoing issue, \$2K left over from winter giving. Move to a COVID fund? What are our needs for the rest of year? Roll to next year? (Currently over budget for monthly teacher appreciation things, and since that's due to COVID, could be that this is where the \$ comes from.)
 - Do have Helping Hands, principal discretionary fund. Should some of this \$ go there?
 - We need to make a motion (at one community meeting), then vote at the next community meeting. Could also give us leeway, can buy a coat or whatever a kid might need.
 - i. Is there a need to stock the office? GLOVES. (Head gloves at Costco, already gone). Can we ask parents, have you outgrown gloves? Could use some snow pants. Maybe raincoats. Carrie Bank will write blurb for newsletter. (have them put in a rubbermaid, Robin would be happy to take and wash/dry)
 - ii. Let's talk washer & dryer - for kids' wet clothing and families who don't have access to washer. Some important logistics to figure out by staff first.
- Dine to Donate update
 - Chipotle on 2/9/22, >\$400!
- Volunteer Opportunity: Girls on the Run (girls, 3rd&up, need 2 coaches, has a curriculum-Socioemotional, body image, self-efficacy; there's a boys' version, STRIDE, w/5K also), Dekeon's Running Club (Was Cross Country Kids) (LJ)(Coming April/May, 1x/week, need parent help)
- Ice Cream Social - NOT a fundraiser (need some help, have some). Will talk more w/this, get ball rolling, tell folks how they can be helpful. Candace will be co-chair.
- Spring Fun Run/Color Run (Need lots of help! Need someone to chair this NOW. (Carrie will be co-chair.)
- Interest in being on the PTO Board next school year? Get in touch w/Carrie or Aimee!
- Questions?
 - Maybe May 4th (Star Wars Day) laser/light saber popsicles? button-battery-LED "basemaking" they put popsicles on.
 - Ashini - is a Snow Ball and/or Middle School dance possibilities? (both budgeted, no way of having them). Could maybe do something outside, tent back up? We're not there yet but maybe by spring? Even just some picnics out back on the playground.
 - w/Rec&Ed, parents can attend and watch kids compete, masked & capacity limits, in the middle schools in AAPS. Why is it diff for school? Meg has an update re sports maybe.
 - Talent show? Staff interest but they don't want to decide who gets *in*/ need a parent committee who determines who gets to perform (1min video submitted, parent). Most pre-recorded, some could be live. Campbell, Luxon happy to facilitate but not be evaluators. April some time. Art showcasing/slide thing too?

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- Carrie to make blurb for all these volunteer opportunities! Anyone want to co-lead for one of these things? Probably need dates before people can commit. Include Mr. Willard re: color run.
- Next Meeting: March 14, 2022; 7:00 PM

Attendees present: Carrie Bank, Sonia Chawla, Ashini Harris, Jay & Lindsey & Jack McDowell, Meg Fenech, Alison Epler, Alix Gaither, Candace Bulkley, Rachel Jensen, Aimee Bednar, Emily Bawol, Amanda Coulter, “Mi Gi”, Lauren Wallner. Carrie Bank-2?. ←(that was someone hacking Della Bank’s email unfortunately by asking Meg and Alison for Della’s student number and email password.)