



A.G. Wright Middle School PTO



PTO General Membership Meeting

Date: September 6, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Type: General Membership Meeting

Location: FACS Room

Board Member Attendees

Tasha Burzynski, President
Brittany Spears, Vice President
Becky Mulder, Treasurer
Kristin Patton, Secretary
Joseph McKinney, Board Member at Large

School Representative Attendees:

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PTO Member Attendees: 7

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00pm

Agenda

1) Minutes approved for prior meeting.

2) Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

- Welcome Back Teacher Gift Cards Recap:
It was a big hit.
The teachers were surprised and very thankful. Great way to start the year.
If we have the money next year, we will do this again.
- Work with the school to create magnets and lanyards for membership sign-up items.
- **Welcome Joseph McKinney to the Board as Member at Large**

Vice President's Report:

- See Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report:

- Account Balance: \$5,647.90
- Bought small items (ie Cotton Candy, bags, etc.) to get us to the \$5000.00 mark to begin this year.
- First week of Tiger Bites we lost money.
Causes:
Purchasing everything to set-up the carts.
Students forgot
Please see Tiger Bites Committee for more details.
- Membership does not look like we had a lot of members sign-up; due to our Fiscal Year which begins on August 1. We receive a lot of sign-ups in July because of the Locker Parties and Back to School Night.
- Financial Review for the Previous Year Completed: August 2, 2023

3) Committee Reports:

Tiger Bites Committee

Carissa Bohn, Co-Chair

Jen Snyder, Co-Chair

- Parent participation was phenomenal
- Third block starts at 1:09pm. 12:45pm is a good time for the volunteers to arrive.
- First week we lost money, we will keep an eye on what sells and what does not so that we can profit, while keeping items that the students like.
- To help with profits, a suggestion was made to receive donations for the cart. Over the year we ask for a lot of donations and need to be selective about what donations we ask for as not to create donation fatigue.
- Wait a month to see how Tiger Bites does before we make any big changes.
- Punch Card Purchases are not figured into the \$1000 loss.
- We will advertise on announcements - Mrs. Spears to take care of.
- Will not do Tiger Bites on Day of Awesomeness

Staff Appreciation Committee

Sara Cordes, Chair

- Discuss needing a Co-Chair - UPDATE 9/12/2023: Kristy Freeman to be added as Co-Chair
- UPDATE to Business Partnership Chair: 9/12/2023: Angela Smoot
- Upcoming Event: **Parent Teacher Conference: Date: October 9, 2023**
Let Ms. Cordes know on September 13 about what is budgeted so she can place orders.
Would like to do pizza, salad, and drinks. May look for desserts to be donated.
Meal to be ready by 1:00pm
81 teachers/staff (aim for 100 people)
- Future Appreciation Ideas Budget:
\$7500 budget for staff appreciation total, to date spent \$402.10

Spirit Night Committee

Angela Smoot, Chair (not in attendance)

- Ms. Smoot was not able to attend, Ms. Spears will follow up regarding what Ms. Smoot has put together and look into her ideas.

Dance Committee

- **6th Grade Dance: October 12, 2023 - SCA or NJS**
- **7th and 8th Grade Dance: ~~October 13, 2023~~ - PTO**
UPDATE: Dance Date Change: October 11, 2023
Right after school until 5:30pm
We will send Volunteer request to PTO first and then the community for chaperones
Mrs. Burzynski to reach out to Mr. Lane to DJ the events
Glow Theme

Concession Committee

- Not sure if PTO will do concessions at games, SCA And NJHS will take care of most

Tiger Way Cafe Committee

Co-Chair Kristy Freeman

Co-Chair Ms. Neal

Proposed Date: October 26, 2023

- Purchase Giveaway Items with Honors written on them - treat(muffin cart-like) giveaway to take the place.
- Students will have 45 minutes to enjoy a snack (last year: cookie making, hot cocoa, sundae bar), play games and enjoy free time/conversation with their friends.
- Ms. Hegna to send an email to the students to find out what theme they would like for the Tiger Way Cafe. So they can have input into the event.
- This takes place during the school day.
- Last year it was approximately 200 kids, this year it will be different due to different qualifications.

Spirit Wear

- Puravida Bracelets - will be delivered September 11, 2023, possible sell at lunches

4) Principal's Report:

Mrs. Hegna

- **Day of Awesomeness Fundraiser**

We are about half way to last year's goal for this fundraiser.

Will look into more ideas for fundraisers, may need to have another in the Spring.

Update 09/12/2023: Fundraiser raised: \$13,287.50, not as much as anticipated. Will need to keep an eye on the outgoing funds and look for ideas to bring in the difference.

- **Day of Awesomeness Date: October 13, 2023**

This is the same date as the 7th and 8th Grade Dance, and will need a lot of volunteers.

5) On-going Business:

- **Band/Music Blue Ribbon Banner**

- **Teacher of the Month** - \$25, will need to purchase 9 more - \$225.00.

Check written after the meeting to purchase these gift cards.

First Teacher was chosen and given a gift card.

6) New Business:

- Create **Quarterly Fun After School Activity** (Brain Breaks) for students (ie Bingo)

Slower activity months, schedule to give the kids fun things to do after school.

Provide more concessions than last year: Nachos, Hot Dogs, cotton candy, popcorn

Mr. Kinney suggested an Amazon Wish List created for donations when in need

Ideas

- **Bingo**

Proposed: January/February timeframe

Purchase Doppers

- **Community Night**

- **Movie Night - This event is for Middle Schoolers Only**

Friday night in the evening - **Proposed Date: November 9: Chair: Mr. Kinney**

Ideas:

Glow sticks in water for pathways

Presale tickets: Bundle entry with food item

Set up 2 - 3 Screens for movies: MBES may have a screen to use

Concessions

- **Trunk or Treat**

Candy donations

Decorate Trunk

7. Fund Requests:

Teacher: Jennifer Pinney

Request Amount: \$66.77

Per the Request: Innovation Studio Class- building Mars Rovers out of pasta

Date Received: April 13, 2023.

Information about Request:

"Innovation Studio Class- building Mars Rovers out of pasta. Students will be partaking in several activities in the NASA Mission to Mars Student Challenge. Students will be collaborating in teams to create a rover that is within budget and goes the furthest distance compared to the other teams.

<https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/teach/activity/planetary-pasta-rover/>

Both Fall and Spring Semester classes will be completing the activity."

Items to be purchased:

Great Value Lasagna Pasta, 16 oz \$1.43 per box x 8 boxes

Great Value Fettuccine, 16 oz \$.98 per box x 8 boxes

Great Value Spaghetti, 32 oz \$1.88 per box x 8 boxes

Great Value Manicotti, 8 oz \$1.68 per box x 8 boxes

Great Value Penne Pasta, 16 oz \$.98 per box x 8 boxes

Life Savers Wint-O-Green Breath Mint Hard Candy, Party Size - 44.93 oz \$11.17

Total Cost: \$66.77

Discussion/Vote: September 6, 2023

Approval/Denial Decision: APPROVED Votes Yes: 13(THIRTEEN) No: 0(ZERO)

Funds Disbursed from: Emerging Requests

8. Fund Requests not in previous minutes

NONE

9. Addendum to May Minutes:

NONE

10. Items For Next Meeting:

- Concessions
- Movie Night
- Future Appreciation Items
- Finalize anything needed for Fall Dances
- Tiger Way Cafe
- Trunk or Treat
- Movie Night
- Turkey Luncheon for the Teachers
- Pie Day
- Spirit Wear via Sign-up Genius for Gifting Options

11. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Time:

October 4, 2023

Meeting Concluded: 8:33pm