

Thursday, February 1, 2024
February PTO Meeting Minutes

Approved January 2024 minutes: Judy and Jenny

President's Report

- Thank you Kristin for running slides. For those who haven't been oriented to Zoom, mics are muted and remember to unmute or use the "raise hand" option later in the meeting.
- Send a very big thank you to Kids Night chairs. Ashley and Cheryl and an enormous team of volunteers helped make for really great nights for kids in K-3. Thank you for not only running the night but putting in so much effort since November. They saw the results of all their work on the kids' faces.
- Kelly H is almost through her kids night at Sky Zone. We really appreciate Kelly's scheduling and rescheduling due to the weather. Good to go for next Friday.
- Thank you for lunch coordinators and volunteers who have really stepped up. We saw people jump on those spreadsheets and that's so appreciated. If we could continue to do that, that would be great. Kids love to see their parents at lunch. We save a lot of money by having parent volunteers.
- The April meeting will involve Mr. Faehndrich from EMS. He will offer a bit of an orientation and answer some questions of some 5th grade parents. Looking forward to that.
- Just launched: sign up for Science Fair, which is in March. Going to get more details in the coming week from Kerri and Marissa.
- Some committee members here who want to say a few words:
 - Nominating: Amy Minatelli- Looking for 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary and Economy Shop chair. All roles are 2 year terms. If you have questions about these positions, reach out to Amy or Cheryl. If you know someone who would be perfect for one of these roles, you can reach out to us too.
 - 5th Grade: Amy Minatelli- Next week is the first week of pizza lunch part 2. Remind kids what they're getting for next week.
 - Wizards Event: Sammi: Teachers vs. Harlem Wizards event at Ramapo. Looking for volunteers to help the day of
 - Theme Day: 99% rooms claimed, scheduled. Really excited to have that part complete. This evening, we will send out room leader guidebooks to each person who signed up as a room leader. Facts about the day, setup schedule.
 - May Dinner: Need more volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

First VP

- Fourth and fifth grade tile project – if you would like to order an extra tile to use as a keepsake, this is just if you would like one for home.

Second VP

- Pizza kits will be picked up on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in MPR. If you ordered gluten free it is not heart shaped. It does need to be refrigerated, so if you can't come, let us know.
- Harlem Wizards April 4 at Ramapo. One universal logo for the four schools. Tickets are going to be early March

Economy Shop

- End of February is our second to last week we need to fill. If you have not gotten in there, please get in there and walk around!
- Managers needed – train with Ashely and it's only 2 hours, and they are in desperate need of more people to manage.
- In need of another co-chair for next year. Monday mornings, you come and help organize the shop, once or twice a month. Not a lot of responsibility.

Mr. Famularo

- Mentioned last month that we are piloting iReady in grades 3-5 and some select students in K-2. Getting good feedback from teachers. One thing we like about this is not only does it provide the assessments, it provides a mypath learning pathway with personalized results. Proud that I had so many teachers here who wanted to take part. It's beneficial to students.
- Valentine's Day is coming up. Reminder we don't do snacks or food. K-3 hands out cards to classmates. Make sure there's one for each student. Please don't attach any food.
- K registration. Mailing goes out to the whole town of Wyckoff. If you have a younger child at home going into K, spread the word and get those registrations in. If we can get accurate information with the number of students, it helps with planning, numbers of sections, etc. We really like to get that info by the middle of February.
- Student Council having a food drive. Starting to send out info about that, talk to kids about donations going to Social Services of Ridgewood. Student Council did a great job talking about some of their initiatives. Doing color for smiles too. Book Buddy party was also focus of charity.
- Global Play Day is February 9. That's become a tradition throughout the district. We make the most out of the day, we think the day is important and value it. It's an international movement that started to remind us of the importance of play. It's a great learning experience for students. Most of the day the students spend in

supervised but unstructured play. Kids really love this day. Striking a balance between fun days with that need to continue to remind our students of the academic focus.

- School is important for learning, and we all have a job and the job is to be a learner and a student. We refer to them as learners, readers, scientists, mathematicians. Learning lifelong skills of being a learner. Those routines will benefit them as they move into middle school, high school, and adulthood.