

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021

In Attendance - Sam Kreiser, Christine Snyder, Jennifer Lindeman, Casey Cohan, Laura Miller, Melissa Carrodo, Jerissa Warfel, Maribeth Zurn, Brandy Derr, Bonnie Martin

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 6:53pm by Samia Kreiser (Co-President)

1. Approval of Minutes - Brandy Derr

- a. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Casey Cohan. The motion was seconded by Laura Miller

2. Treasurer's Report - Christine Snyder

- a. The expenses this month were Edible Classroom (\$1000) and Hospitality gift cards for bus drivers (\$45).
- b. We received \$549.03 from Weis Rewards.

3. Introduction of new PTO officers

- a. Jennifer Lindeman - Co-Secretary
- b. Melissa Carrodo - Co-Secretary

4. Old Business

- a. Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Chrissy Snyder
The participating students seemed happy to be a part of it. All was good however suggestions were made in concern to some of the "scary" pumpkins, shifting to spooky instead of scary in the future.
- b. Trunk or Treat - Chrissy Snyder
Trunk or treat was great. The community was happy to have a PTO event where everyone could come together. Bonnie Martin voiced the fact that it filled the need for a safe place for small kids to trick or treat, during the day. We plan to do Trunk or Treat again next year. Dr. Keddie was happy to see future students come through. Students were happy to see their teachers. Free event seemed appreciated.

5. Upcoming Events

a. Yearbook - Bonnie Martin

Judy Keller helped Bonnie Martin resize covers. Covers have been sent. 6th graders are answering their questions for the yearbook between now and holiday

break. Mrs. Ragland will send links when retakes finish. Potential for future yearbooks to increase in cost.

b. Square 1 - Chrissy Snyder

Ms. Fasnaught will be starting with the students a week or two from receiving the materials. Chrissy is following up with Square One a timeline for delivery.

c. Spiritwear - Chrissy Snyder

i. Spiritwear items should be available 11/19/21. Chrissy Snyder will plan to pick up the order that morning and drop it off to the school that day.

ii. Some items are backordered. The spiritwear company is trying to substitute brands to fill the order.

iii. In general, feedback indicated that the vendor was expensive. Moving forward, we plan to switch vendors.

iv. There were other spiritwear sales going on at the same time, potentially impacting sales.

v. Sold \$2134.00 with profit of \$256.08

d. Book Fair - Jerissa Warfel

i. Jerissa Warfel and Lindsey Graham are working on the bookfair with a theme of "Paws for Reading" (dogs and cats).

ii. Teachers will come down on Friday morning to pre-order and make wishlists. Front Porch Bakery will provide treats for the teachers that morning.

iii. All students will come to visit the bookfair with class (15 minutes time slots). Activities have been created for all students to participate in to enter a raffle for posters. Additional themed items are being ordered for all students so each student will have something to take home from the bookfair.

iv. There is a virtual component so shopping can continue online through December 3rd.

v. The bookfair will be open on Friday for students, Monday (8-8) and Tuesday (8-4:30) for parents during conferences. The link is out for parents to sign up to volunteer.

vi. Dr. Keddie is looking into the logistics of getting Kiwi, the therapy dog, at the bookfair. Dr. Keddie indicated that there is a lot involved in getting the therapy dog to visit schools.

vii. eWallet is available for parents who don't want to send cash. Cash, credit card, and eWallet can be accepted. eWallet flyers will be sent out to parents.

e. Winter Wonderland - Maribeth Zurn

- i. Winter Wonderland will take place on December 4th from 6-8. Volunteers have committed to hot chocolate, set up, help with stations during the event, music/dj. Sending out flyer for donations for cookie walk. Free event.
- ii. Hot Chocolate Station, Cookie Decorating Station, Game/Music, Ornaments to decorated, Santa/Mrs. Claus, Carolers from HS, Letters to Santa mailbox.
- iii. There are concerns about lighting and decorations. Maribeth Zurn is looking into ideas and how to get more for the event.

f. Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner - Chrissy Snyder & Jerissa Warfel

- i. Signup genius going out for boxed dinner for teachers to order from Speckled Hen. They will be available to teachers on Monday 11/22 at 3:30 so they can pick up when they get a break.

g. Upcoming Fundraising - Chrissy Snyder & Jerissa Warfel

- i. Potential sub sales with a Saturday pickup
- ii. Looking at doing the fun run for May 14th. Details are still being worked out.

h. Penn Manor Track and Field Day- Jerissa Warfel

- i. District is bringing it back

i. Garden Day - November 20th 9:30-11:30

- i. Call to action for volunteers

6. District PTO Meeting - Samia Kreiser

- a. Construction update - on track to finish HS in Dec 2022.
- b. Toner is still a problem, anticipate receiving it in December.
- c. Open door policy with administrators, they are happy to answer questions.
- d. Virtual - 41, Homeschool - 246. Elementary students can transition back.
- e. Other elementary schools want to do the read-a-thon. Will likely happen with more notice.
- f. Additional thank you to teachers. Survey Conestoga teachers to identify their individual needs.

7. Teacher's Report

- a. Teachers feel support from the community.
- b. More teachers want to be at meetings but the distance is difficult. Maribeth Zurn suggested we offer virtual meetings. Dr. Keddie will talk to Charlie Reisinger about security and logistics for virtual meetings.

- c. Maribeth shared her appreciation for Dr. Keddie and the climate he has built at Conestoga. She shared that he is doing an amazing job building relationships with students and staff.

8. Principal's Report

- a. Dr. Keddie shared that students are enjoying the pergola built as an Eagle Project from Anders Nordstrom. Maribeth Zurn shared that it feels like an outdoor classroom.
- b. Dr. Keddie shared his appreciation for the community's response to masking.
- c. Parent Teacher conferences are coming up, no changes. Virtual and in-person options are available.
- d. Third grade is doing Ag In The Classroom.
- e. Dr. Keddie shared that at this point field trips are on hold due to shortage of nurses. Fulton trip is still a go.
- f. Dr. Keddie was impressed with Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Decorating.
- g. Dr. Keddie shared his appreciation for paras in the building. They are an integral part of helping the building run smoothly and students being successful.
- h. There are still job openings in the building. Volunteers can come in to help(with clearances).

Minutes submitted respectfully by Melissa Carrodo and Jen Lindeman, PTO Co-Secretaries.

Our next PTO meeting will be held December 9, 2021 at 6:45 pm.