

PTO Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by PTO President, Brandy Derr at 6:51 pm.
2. **In Attendance:** Brandy Derr, Chrissy Snyder, Bonnie Martin, Jenny Fisher, Jennifer Stipe
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve last month's minutes was given by Bonnie Martin and seconded by Chrissy Snyder.
4. **6th Grade Graduation**
 - a. There seems to be some confusion among the committee in regards to the \$400 gift that is received by the PTO.
 - b. Jennifer Stipe reports that they have not had a meeting as of yet due to the committee's conflicting schedules.
 - c. Maribeth will be sending out a sign-up genius for 6th grade parents to donate items, food, etc. Kim Marsh is in charge of collecting the photos from the parents. Bonnie Martin is in charge of the backdrops. Laurie is in charge of the gift.
 - d. Jennifer Stipe will get in touch with Lindsey Graham to let her know what was discussed in the PTO meeting.
5. **Gaga Pit**
 - a. Dr Keddie had sent an email inquiring about the flooring of the Gaga Pit. I believe that the Gaga Pit was built as an Eagle Scout project.
 - i. Bonnie Martin is going to speak to Vicky Faithful, since she was involved in the PTO at the time it was built, and let us know.
6. **Movie Night**
 - a. It was decided that we will probably not hold a movie night as there is no chair for the event. The only way to hold it safely would be outside. If anyone would like to chair, they are more than welcome to bring back the event this year.
7. **Yearbook** - Bonnie Martin
 - a. 142 books have been sold so far. 200 books are normally sold.
 - b. The book must be ready by the middle of March, which is earlier than past years.
 - c. There has been a lot of frustration on Bonnie's part as the rep from the company has changed. The company has also changed the quote that was originally given.
 - d. She is going to make an announcement that anyone who orders past the due date must order online.
8. **Fundraising** - Chrissy Snyder

- a. Square One
 - i. The catalogs should be coming in March.
 - ii. The tiles will once again be available for purchase as more tiles are needed. The ones that were previously purchased will be put up with the new tiles.
 - b. Penny Wars
 - i. It has not been decided that this will not be held as previously announced out of deference to Mr McCabe's Heart Walk.
 - c. Spirit Wear
 - i. The PTO will go back to using B&T.
 - ii. The baseball tees for the staff to purchase will be coming back. There were a lot of requests for them.
 - iii. There will be a slight price increase.
 - iv. The sale will run 2/28/22-3/13/22 with a 3 week turn around.
 - d. Candy Sale
 - i. There will be a candy sale in April. It has been decided that we will again support a local business. It will be between either Evan's or Miesse's.
 - e. Fun Run
 - i. The theme will be "Let's get Wild" (animal themed).
 - ii. There will be a bubble machine and a DJ, so far.
 - iii. No mailers will be sent out like past years, just flyers.
 - iv. It will not be run exactly like "Cruisin for Conestoga" has been in the past but the committee is excited and it should be a lot of fun for the students.
- 9. Book Fair - Chrissy Sndyer**
- a. The book fair was a huge success. It earned \$2,785.07.
 - b. The Spring year book will not be held as it would interfere with some of the Spring events. The BOGO sale would still be available online for the interested parents.
 - c. We now qualify for a donation matching program through Scholastic. The PTO would like to be able to provide each child with a book during the fall Book Fair next school year. There was some opposition to this idea. More will be discussed in the fall as the event approaches.
- 10. Talent Show**
- a. (From Dr Keddie)-The talent show will be held 5/19/22 during school. It will be held at 10 am for K AM-4th grade and 2:30 pm for K PM-5/6th grade.
- 11. Field Trips**
- a. The Fulton Trip is still unknown. Per Chrissy Snyder, Jerissa Warfel is on the board at The Fulton and they do not have enough staff to

accommodate a school trip. She will touch base with her to see if there has been any new information regarding this. Some brought up that Martic Elementary is planning on doing a trip there although the details are unclear.

- b. Jenny Fisher brought up concerns that it may be unfair to leave some of the students behind if The Fulton has a mask mandate.
- c. Parents are wondering if there is another field trip, assembly or activity that could take place instead.

12. Open Positions

- a. Jerissa Warfel and Chrissy Snyder have expressed interest in being Co-Presidents next school year. They would also like to chair the Santa Shoppe/Winter wonderland. They would like to keep the event outside but maybe combine the two events and have some vendors there as well.
- b. Chrissy Snyder will not be chairing the Pumpkin Decorating Contest next year.

13. Teacher's Report - Jenny Fisher

- a. The kids loved the free assembly from Barn Hill. All were excited to see the animals.
- b. The Fulton trips bring up a lot of questions and concerns. She is wondering if Martic Elementary is going as reported.

14. Principal's Report - Dr Keddie (via email)

- a. Girls on the Run is a go as long as we have enough girls to participate. 6 are needed. Ms Lovett will be the head coach.
- b. The Barn Hill Preserve Assembly was a success from the teachers and student perspective. Having two separate assemblies worked well.
- c. 5th grade is planning a field trip on 5/26/22 to Landis Valley.
- d. Many of the students participated in creating Valentines for Veterans. Should be posted on the blog soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brandy Derr, Conestoga Elementary PTO President.

Please join us for our next meeting on March 10. 2022. Hope to see you there!