

**Challenger Elementary**  
**PTO Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**6pm**

**Present:** Ashley Luderer, Melissa Riordan, Sara Pauls, Christine Bracher, Tonya Tripp, Leslie Johnson, Jill Fuller, Kari Persichini, Heidi Schaefer and Mr. Cherry.

\*\*\*This meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid-19 concerns\*\*\*

I. Call to order at 6:04pm

II. Welcome board members, parents, and teachers

III. Approval of September meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Cherry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Pauls

IV. Principal and teachers' reports and comments/questions

- No positive Covid-19 cases to date at our school. We are one of the three schools in the district who remain without an incident.
  - The district will begin reporting cases across the district on the main page of the website, [howellschools.com](http://howellschools.com) under transparency reporting. This is a new mandate by the state government.
- Students are doing very well with all day mask wearing.
  - Keep reinforcing need to put safety at the forefront of our minds. Do not become complacent with protocols currently in place.
- Kindergarten class did a in-school field trip. A pumpkin patch was created outside for the students to pick their pumpkin. A special thank you to Munsell Farms who donated all of the pumpkins for the events.
- The district will reach out to virtual parents/guardians about plans for their education plans come January. Please look for communication in the next week or two regarding this topic. Decisions regarding changes will be need to be done in November.

V. Treasurer's report

- Opt out campaign
  - Opt out campaign went very well this year. We received \$74 more than last year's campaign.
- Spiritwear
  - Our fire sale of old inventory was very successful. We sold all of the shirts we had in stock and made \$337.33.
- Mask/decal sales
  - We sold 48 masks and 7 decals. Our profit was \$66 for this event.

VI. Everyday fundraising (AmazonSmile, Kroger, VGs, Box Tops)

- AmazonSmile

- Prime Days just occurred this week, hopefully we'll see some strong numbers from online shoppers when the reports are available.
- Kroger
  - We have the application for the Community Rewards opportunity. Once submitted and approved, we will communicate how to link your Kroger card to Challenger Elementary PTO to passively direct money to the group.
- VG's
  - We received a container of already counted receipts on picture day, and adding this new bunch of receipts, our current total is 99,318. This puts us much closer to the 150,000 goal to submit for reimbursement.
- Box Tops
  - Submission is November 2, communication requesting students bring in any physical box tops to the school next week will go out shortly. Currently we have \$25 in our account for this fundraiser.

#### VII. New business/upcoming events

- Popcorn Fridays (10/16, 11/20, 01/22, 02/19, 03/19, 04/16, 05/14)
  - We're very excited to be able to bring this tradition back to the students. Remember you can send money in with your student or send via Venmo to the PTO account.
- Halloween goodie bags
  - In lieu of Trunk or Treat we will be distributing Halloween goodie bags to each student (in person and virtual students will be included). There will be nut-free candy and little Halloween treats in each bag. With the reduced efforts required for the event, we've come in under budget.
- Teacher Fulfillment Requests
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Scholastic subscription renewal is complete
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Activity boxes have been purchased.
    - Students were so thrilled, teachers made us thank you hearts with all their signatures.
  - Raz Kids Request
    - No longer needed to be funded by PTO; district went ahead and made the purchase for this learning tool.
  - Mrs. Hillaker
    - From last school year, Mrs. Hillaker's request was partially funded. Need to find out from her if she still would like the mallets that were in her original request.
- Little Caesars pizza kits (11/02-11/19, delivery week of 12/07)

- Flyers will be coming home the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. Virtual students will also receive communication of how to participate in this fundraiser.
  - We will develop a safe way to distribute the kits and communicate once they have arrived.
- Applebee's (11/21)
  - More information to come. We have the opportunity to decorate the restaurant should we want to in order to make it more inviting for Challenger families that evening.
- Marco's Pizza (10/13-10/14)
  - Thank you to all who participated and supported us with the recent pizza nights. We will have the earnings information from Marco's and we'll be sure to post on Facebook once we know the total as well as which class wins the free cheese bread coupons.
- Rock wall
  - PTO met as a group to discuss and review the quotes provided to Mr. Cherry.
  - Several questions surfaced about the project, so we will give more details once those items of concern have been addressed.

#### VIII. Questions & General Comments

- Santa Shop- Any ideas of how we can change but still bring the holiday spirit to our children without hosting the Santa Shop? We are welcome to ideas and comments. Send any recommendations to [chpto11@gmail.com](mailto:chpto11@gmail.com)
- Fridays in October, wear College Gear.
- Year has been a challenging one thus far, good but challenging. Covid looms about and we have to plan what we can do over the next 2,4, or 6 months.

#### VIII. Adjourn at 6:29pm

Next meeting Thursday, November 19 at 6pm via Zoom