

**Challenger Elementary
PTO Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 21, 2021
6pm**

Present: Ashley Luderer, Sara Pauls, Tonya Tripp, Heidi Schaefer, Brandi DiMeo, Leslie Johnson, Jill Fuller, Ms. Williams and Mr. Cherry.

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

- I. Call to order
 - II. Welcome board members, parents, and teachers
 - III. Approval of November meeting minutes
 - Approved by Sara Pauls, and 2nd by Mr. Cherry
 - IV. Principal and teachers' reports and comments/questions
 - Kudos to our school for keeping up the good work, we still have no reportable cases of Covid-19 in our school. Whether due to luck or diligence, we have not had to quarantine any classes.
 - Substitution rates across the district have increased, so that has alleviated some of the challenges to fill vacancies when they do occur. Also, staff has been incredibly healthy this year, so that has also been nice.
 - Livingston County Health Department will continue to keep the district in the loop about available vaccines.
 - NWEA testing continues this week and MStep testing for grades 3-5 is on schedule to occur in the spring.
 - Caldecott award books are being read and reviewed in classes. On 2/19 the award winner will be announced, and we will celebrate this with popcorn (thanks for being able to move the date to coincide with this event).
 - BK and Kindergarten registration is open. Due to restrictions, a zoom introduction to incoming parents will occur.
 - Mr. MacGregor says the current climate for school events will most likely continue to be conservative.
 - One Book One School- will begin in February. School meeting set to discuss plans and then PTO will be involved to assist with rollout.
- Teacher's Report
- Staff is super happy with what the PTO does. Wendy's tags were a nice surprise and many are excited to use them! Please keep up the good work it is very much appreciated.
- V. Treasurer's report
 - Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraising has concluded.
 - Winter Wonderland was a huge success for the kids. More of an event than a fundraiser, but we still received \$195.13 in donations.

- Change Challenge is currently ongoing. At this point, we have raised \$1937.13 and our goal was \$500. We have already exceeded this, and the kids seem to really be enjoying this. They have also begun to strategize how best to put their pennies and silver coins in their respective buckets.
- Popcorn- We have almost met our budgetary goal for this year and still have a few months left.
- Marco's Pizza Night- We have surpassed our goal by \$285 already for the year with a few dates left in the school year. Breaking up the grade levels into two nights seems to really be working well for us.
- Shoparoo- Final payout for this program occurred, the check was for \$154.09 and we thank all who participated in this program.
- Incentive Program- Teachers are using the budgeted "free" \$20 monies allotted to them for this year.
- Mr. Cherry requested use of the "reserved funds" to bake holiday cookies for the students in December.

VI. Everyday fundraising

- AmazonSmile- still ongoing. We raised \$30.04 in our first quarter payment. We will continue to push this program and send out education messages asking people to enroll.
- Kroger-We now have a community rewards program. Handouts coming home tomorrow with further details of our account and how to register your Kroger card.
- VGs- We have 115K of the required 150K worth of receipts in order to submit for our \$1000.00 payment.
- Box Tops-still an open fundraiser, but very limited activity due to app scanning only as their promotion. Physical box tops still exist, and if you find one please turn them in. Next submission for physical box tops will be April 1st.

VII. Old business

- "Santa shop"- Winter Wonderland. We may look to incorporate this type of activity going forward as the kids really enjoyed it and really set the holiday spirit in motion.
- Restaurant fundraisers (Marco's and Applebee's)- We raised \$131.21 at Applebee's which is exciting as it was set for the first day restaurants closed for in-person dining again. Marco's pizza Night raised \$215 this time around, and Mrs. Dunn's class wins the cheese bread coupons for highest participation.
- Little Caesars pizza kits- Fun but frantic. A lot of orders and everyone did a great job of picking up their items and waving as they drove by. We have notes about to improve the distribution next year. Little Caesar's provided free single serve pizzas which we put in the teacher's lounge freezer for the teachers to enjoy.
- Traversing wall- Company would like to schedule install the wall on Monday January 25th.

VIII. New business/upcoming events

- Change Challenge- 3rd, 1st, and 4th grades are in the lead for totals right now. Money raised in part will go to a newly developed snack shack for teachers to provide students with snacks.
- Popcorn Fridays 01/22, 02/19, 03/19, 04/16, 05/14). We had the original popcorn machine serviced in December and tomorrow will be the first venture and hopefully all the service on it will make the day go smoothly.

- Spirit wear sales- New parents want gear for their kids and keep sending inquiries about purchasing items. We are working with a local vendor, Ivory Vines, with new designs and options including hoodies, shirts, hats, and water bottles.
- Upcoming restaurant fundraisers (Applebee's in February)- We are unable to schedule a date with Applebee's in February, so we have added a new restaurant to the mix. Street Taco will hold a fundraising night on 2/24. 15% of orders will be our profits. Excited to support a local small business. Marco's pizza night on 3/9 (BK-2) and 3/10 (3-5)

IV. Adjourned at 6:48pm

Next meeting Thursday, February 18 at 6pm