

**Challenger Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
6:30pm**

Present: Ashley Luderer, Sara Pauls, Jill Fuller, Leslie Johnson, Jaimie Thomas, Melissa Riordan, April Matthyse, Mrs. Byrd and Mr. Cherry.

- I. Call to order at 6:32
- II. Welcome board members, parents, and teachers
- III. Approval of November meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve by Sara Pauls and seconded by Mr. Cherry
- IV. Principal and teachers' reports and comments/questions
 - Attendance is a focus as it has become an issue, and Challenger has one of the highest absence rates in the district. Looking at a three-tier approach to remedy absences.
 - NWEA/Title 1 testing has started and will continue over the next couple of weeks.
 - Reaching Higher will begin for 5th grade students. Program for strong leaders, students needing leadership and those who need to be positive leaders.
 - Wednesday January 25th Author Visit (school-wide assembly)
 - 100th day of school for BK/K on January 27th
 - January 26th a lunchtime program will begin for any and all students who would like to participate. The Clubhouse will be an alternative to lunch and recess. Will be headed up by Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Wilson.
 - February 8th-5th grade parent health information meeting at Voyager.
 - An additional potential lock-in sometime between now and the end of the school year, trying to figure out a date where other events aren't already scheduled.
 - Music assemblies continue to be scheduled; each grade level classroom will have their own program.
 - Mrs. Byrd says Thank You for Popcorn Fridays and that she hopes we can schedule Supe's Exotic Animal Assembly each year. Everyone absolutely loved the animals and information.
 - Mrs. Byrd requested a donation for the high school Senior All-Night Party. Party scheduled to be held at Legacy Center in Brighton. Money would go toward food, raffles and entertainment for students attending.
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - Profit made from the Santa Shop was \$1,789.36.

- Received a check from Box Tops for \$192.30, much more than expected.
- Amazon Smile earned \$251.78 for the last quarter.
- Kroger Community Rewards totaled \$184.88 for the last quarter.

VI. Everyday Fundraising

- New VG's total is 129,467 in Direct Your Dollars receipts. Goal is to collect 150,000 and submit to Spartan Nash for \$1000 check.

VII. Old Business

- Santa Shop
 - Went very well this year; well organized and product selection was well received by students. Will look to schedule this company again for next year.
- Supe's Exotic Jungle Assemblies
 - Week long assembly for all students was amazing. Hands on approach with information was great and student thoroughly enjoyed the animals.

VII. New business/upcoming events

- Popcorn Fridays- 1/20, 2/24, 3/17, 4/21 and 5/29.
- Rollerama Nights- 1/26, 3/16 and 5/18.
- Author Assembly-1/25
- Little Ceasar's Pizza Kit Sales 2/1-3/1
- Foodraisers
 - Hungry Howie's 1/24
 - All-Star Coney Island in February with Celebrity servers
 - Sign up for teachers and staff forthcoming
- Change Challenger for Houses upcoming
 - Raise money for student yearbooks
- Book Fair-3/6-3/10

IV. Teacher Fulfillment Fund

X. Adjourn at 7:22pm

Next Meeting on Wednesday February 15 at 6:30pm