

October 2023 PTO Summary

Here are your highlights from the PTO meeting held on Monday, October 9th.

1. Principal Updates

- Fifth graders made tamales for Hispanic Heritage Month.
- WISD My Future Fund is looking for people to enroll. 2nd-6th grade students attending a public school are eligible. Participants can automatically receive a MFF account with \$25 to start their savings account for college and career training through My Future Fund.
- Parent teacher conferences start this month.
- The School Garden – The goal for this garden is to create something with things from the garden. We want to bring it back to what it was. The first step is to clean it up. Should we have a community day? Possibly November 4th or 5th from 9:00 to 12:00 on Saturday. A Signup Genius will be sent out.
- Assemblies- WE are starting to collect information for school assemblies for example school performers, Anti-bullying, etc. The goal is to have one assembly a month.
- Employment opportunities – we need substitute teacher and lunch supervisors from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM. Applicants must have at least 60 hours of classes at a college or community college or online training.

2. Teacher Updates (Jessica Detering and Allie Cadavieco)

- Teachers are using PTO funds towards fieldtrips such as the Apple Orchard which is the next Kindergarten trip.

3. VP TJ Masters

- There is a Signup Genius for PTO members to sit in on a PTOC meeting (AAPS district PTO) which is held the third Monday of every month.
- We will have a new board member vote for fundraising chair soon when the applicant can attend the meeting. Bryan will discuss the job responsibilities with the person first.
- Restaurant night happens on a designated day every month where people can order from a particular restaurant and the restaurant will donate a portion of those sales to the school.
 - Dominoes Night on Tuesday – Customers can save 15% and a certain percentage of the proceeds will go to Lakewood. We will advertise at the front door and driveway.
 - Other fundraiser restaurant nights might include Culvers or Applebee's.

Volunteer Coordinator (Dana Knott and Helen Wright) Update

1. Book Bonanza/Schuler's (Used Book Fair) Update: \$500 was raised by this event.
 - Thank you to those who helped with the Book Bonanza.
 - Ms. Cadavieco said that she liked last year's date for the Book Bonanza better because she felt that, due to the event being in September and the short period of time that the

teachers have had to form connections with students, it was hard to foster excitement with the kids.

- Could we have the Book Bonanza in April or May?
2. Fall Festival: October 27th
 3. Fun Run: The date has been changed from November 15th to November 14th.
 - Reach out to Chartwells for food donations (Principal Stewart will ask Mr. Stewart about donations).
 - We need to set up a Signup Genius for the event.
 - Last year the students did 20-minute runs.
 - We will make a photo booth type arrangement for the students to get their picture taken when they are done running.
 - The Cheddarup QR Code is the same.
 - Should we hand out hard copies of the Fun Run flyers to the students?
 - Jenny Martinez will send the presentation, playlist and flyers to Helen and Dana.
 4. Picture Day: Thank you to the volunteers!
 5. International Night which was set to be held on April 19th is too close to the Science Olympiad which will be held on April 20th this year. We will set May 3rd as the date for International Night.
 6. Girls on the run: The spring run event will be in May.
 - We are looking for a coach.
 - Info can be found at <https://www.gotrmidmichigan.org/5k>
 7. There is interest in starting Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts at the school again.
 8. DAW (Disability Awareness Workshop for 4th Graders): May 9th.
 9. Asian Pacific Heritage Month is in May.
 15. Science Olympiad: Ally Novara will be Science Olympiad Coordinator.
 16. We may have a yearbook coordinator and are looking for a co-coordinator. Principal Stewart will mention this in the weekly newsletter. We would like to set up a Google Drive Folder where we can have people upload photos of school events.

7. Treasurer Update (Sam)

- We are in the process of changing from Huntington Bank to Bank of Ann Arbor.

PTO Checking Total: \$35,652.58

PTO Savings: \$10,111.31

- There was a yes vote for safety belts which will cost \$40.27.
- Can money for fall music budget come out of the fine art fund?
- Staff discretionary fund- October Report.
- Why was there \$100 extra spent for the Website in the budget?
- Staff T-shirts – discuss with Bryan.
- Noon hour mouth free whistles were purchased.

9. Fall Festival – 250\$ is budgeted for this event.

- Meijer has donated \$300 this year.
- We have a microphone for the PA speaker. The music department will lend one to the PTO for use at the Fall Festival.
- We have prizes for the festival.
- We need to order 10 dozen donuts from Washtenaw Dairy.
- Soup sign up will be through Signup Genius.