

# PTO Meeting Agenda

## 9/17/18

**In attendance:** Becky Kosisko, Tori Wash, Shannon Jackson, Jenny Christ, Katie Mondo, Marguerite Versacci, Marisol Martinez, Nichole Beruit, Shushil Ramnaress, Melissa Norko, Leah Lane, Jackie Mondo, Amy Simmons, Casey McCormack, Rachel Olivera, Shannon Grumet, Mary Hajj Platt, Tim Dunham, Ninel Cusa, Kirsten Douglass,, Kate Goyette, Jen Tewani, Elizabeth Richer, Sam Bahamon, Jen Connolly, Nicole Morgenthaler, Jennifer and Kevin Hughes-Ciwanek, Rachel Pol, Melissa Sternthal, Tim Piedmont, Laura Harbron, Jessica Lauer, Jeanette Combs, Becky Flynn, Michele Garofalo, Laura Josephson

President's Welcome

Introductions

Need help with spirit wear

Mrs. Kosisko:

- Spirit wear: pick up/drop off
- Sports look - just look at samples
- It's great to join PTA
- K cool off
- Ice cream social
- Teacher luncheon
- Asking for feedback about BTS night
  - Schedule was different this year
  - We did it all in one night this year
  - We thought parking was a challenge, but it was actually okay
- Assessments in classroom - reading, math, know where to start to move kids forward
- Great start - 551 students!
- Discussion of too many emails? Or should we set them on one day?
- Mrs. Hajj Platt: music teacher - other teachers in district teach ukulele
  - Asking for funding to teach fifth graders ukes
  - We already have ORFF instruments here, would be great to have ukuleles like other schools
  - Amazon 41 each, looking for 25 total

- Possibly extra strings too - a few at first
  - Caramel brand
  - Eventually need a stand
  - Repairs can build into yearly school budget
- Chris the custodian is heading to JH starting October 1st
- Rich and Tony 2 night custodians
  
- Parent Council
  - Pumpkin fair 40th anniversary - October 13th - Monroe El
  - Opioid prevention lecture 9/20 JH
  - October 3rd - financial controls - Mike Ganino 930 am meeting
  - Superintendent was there
    - Enrollment up
    - New predictors
    - Some new repairs to several schools
    - Discussed vaping detectors, not found to work so well
    - Still looking into it
    - Masuk up for accreditation again
  
- Treasurer's Report - Nichole Beirut
  - Fundraisers, non-fundraisers, expenses
  - Box tops - on many products
  - Book fairs - first as money, second and third use as Scholastic money
    - That is about 5000.00.
  - Donations
  - Holiday breakfast boutique
  - PTA dues
  - We will do opt out
  - Parents night out
  - Quassy
  - School store
  - Spring plant sale
  - End of year picnic
  - Family movie night
  - Father/son/ night
  - Holiday breakfast
  - Ice cream social
  - Mother/daughter event - in spring
  - Talent show is back!

- Trick or trunk
- Yearbook
  - Teacher mini grants
    - Money for innovative ideas for the classroom
    - This year we are giving each teacher \$75 per staff member
    - Must provide receipts to be reimbursed
  - We are getting a new sound system, motorized screen and LCD projector for the all purpose room
    - Town is doing electrical and construction work for it without charging us
  - VOTE FOR BUDGET
    - UNANIMOUS pass!!! 42 votes
- 1st VP: Sam Bahamon and Jess Brito
  - Fall Fundraiser
  - Selected fundraiser, ordered catalogs
  - Runs 3 weeks
  - 3-4 week of October
  - Come in before thanksgiving
  - Mixture of wrapping paper, kitchen tools, close to home catalog
  - Order from send in, money through web store
  - Look at doing something different next year
    - Donations, try something different that isn't stuff
    - Pasta? - 40 % of sales
    - Color run - take a cut but not huge
      - Maybe join with other schools
      - Bring in vendors
- Trick or trunk - Sopoline
  - October 26th Friday
  - Sells out fast!!!!
  - Limited number of spots
  - Needs extra hands
  - PTO member - early member sign up!
  - All volunteer signups are on the app
  - PTO site - all descriptions
- Ice Cream Social - Melissa Sternthal

- Awesome!
  - Sold many online and in person
  - Very successful - all ices went!
  - With number of people, per insurance, need a police officer there.
- Father/Son
  - New Business
    - Foreign Language?
    - Enrichment programs?
    - Give feedback to superintendent and principal