



Sargent PTO Meeting  
#6  
March 8, 2023

Minutes

Presiding: Ryan Biracree, Alena Brown, Emily Hare, Ms. Biordi

Minutes: Laina Mason

1. Meeting preview (2 minutes) and welcome:
  - a. PTO President reviews agenda
    - i. Students' Report
    - ii. PTO Updates
    - iii. Teacher's Report
    - iv. Principal's Report
    - v. Open discussions/follow ups
  
1. Students' Report
  - a. Presented by Kai Mason & EmmyLou Shay
    - i. Presentation on what the different grades are doing in class right now
    - ii. Spring Concert May 16, 7pm
    - iii. Student Leadership were very helpful at Family Resource Night
    - iv. Shout out to Mr. Manglass
    - v. Sushi Friday Fundraiser suggestion
  
1. PTO Updates
  - a. Seed Fundraiser
    - i. Seeds are in, Emily can deliver them
    - ii. Yvonne will also do a Farmer's Market stand
    - iii. Will be available at the May meeting as well
    - iv. Let Emily know if there are any seeds not in that people would like
  - b. Book Fair
    - i. Week of Back to School Night, March 27-31
    - ii. Volunteer sign up is ready
  - c. Trivia Night
    - i. Erin needs help setting up, 2 ppl needed
    - ii. Next Thursday March 16th 7:30pm
    - iii. A quiz company from NYC is coming to host it
    - iv. Really good raffle prizes, including Lego Land tickets, Tonight Show tickets, Shakespeare tickets, full week of spring break camp etc.
    - v. There is also a trophy!
    - vi. You don't have to play to participate, can join and do the raffle w/o doing Trivia



- vii. BYOF - Bring Your Own Food
  - d. Amazon Wish List
    - i. Up for Indoor Recess supplies - from lists created by Student Leadership Team
    - ii. There was a request for more pants as well
    - iii. Can also be linked in to school website, trying to centralize information
  - e. Scholarships
    - i. 2x \$750 scholarships for Sargent alum who are seniors
    - ii. Will need volunteers to read the essays, follow a rubric to evaluate
    - iii. Opens in April and deadline is mid-May; reviews in late May and awarded in June
  - f. 90's Party
    - i. April 28th, 6-7:30pm
    - ii. Will need volunteers for set up
  - g. PTO Nominations
    - i. Will do nominations in April for next year's committee
    - ii. An Info sheet will go home about this, positions etc.
    - iii. Hoping to create 2 more spaces on the main committee
  - h. PTO Website
    - i. Volunteer Tab: Open page on website with sign up genius
      - 1. E.g. March 16th 5th grade picture day and School Club Day - will need volunteers
    - ii. Additionally a link is now up to Spirit Wear Shop!
      - 1. Going through third party vendor Red Bubble with variety of items and designs
      - 2. Extended sizes and adult and kids clothing, along with accessories
1. Teachers' Report
- a. Nicole Winchell, 4th Grade, wrote and recieved a grant for the 4th grade to go to the Hudson Museum, need the bus to be funded
  - b. Connects to the NextGen and ELA standards
  - c. Bus is \$1200 via West Point service
  - d. Connects to district's vision of streamlining trips at each gradelevel, so that all kids in each grade across all schools go on the same trips
    - i. Moved, voted and approved to fund bus by PTO
  - e. Ms. Sanderson, re Sharpe
    - i. Presenters are covered already
    - ii. One new event is to push back presenters to open up a new activity that the 5th grade hasn't done before
    - iii. One of the activities at night, movie night in the field
      - 1. Seeking a blow up movie screen to use
      - 2. Need to consider sound - Ms. Biordi can provide hi



- tek speakers
- 3. Ms. Biordi can provide projector
- 4. \$99.99 - moved, voted and approved to fund by PTO
- f. Ms. Cervone
  - i. Testing in May, snacks will be organized for this again for 3-5th grade along with "good luck" messages
  - ii. In the past teachers have funded, requesting this year to have support from PTO approx. \$100
- g. Ms. Cervone is also retiring this year! After 33 years, is excited for the next venture
- h. Ms. Black and Ms. Gibbons from Newspaper
  - i. 2nd volume coming out next week!

#### 1. Principal's Report

- a. Mystery Reader - lots of responses and extending till May!
- b. March National Reading Month - Literacy committee created a Bingo Chart and PTO providing prizes
  - i. Some community members and administrators will be doing some mystery reading as well
  - ii. Dress Up Day as favorite book character on March 31st
- c. Science related assemblies, including Mad Science for 2,3,4th grade
  - i. Engineers coming from IBM for 4th grade
  - ii. Girls who Code coming for 4th grade
  - iii. 5th Grade attending Contender ESports trip next week - Roblox themed activity; HS has competitive teams who go there
  - iv. Kilowatt Kitchen from Central Hudson doing assemblies this month
- d. Two weeks ago, faculty was able to attend training through Dutchess PRIDE
  - i. Training about language and education around working with students and families across the LGBTQIA+ community
  - ii. Ms. Black reflecting that are a lot of community programs for adults and youth, can go onto the website to find programs or support groups etc.
- e. Spring Pictures coming up, including clubs and outdoor picture with the whole 5th grade
- f. Vision to re-do auditorium including group photos of 5th grade
- g. Open House March 30th - Family Night
- h. Spring Concert May 16th
- i. Joe Pimentell coming to a mural on the outside of the building, 3,4,5th graders will contribute to helping create it; 1st of it's kind in the district
  - i. Will play off landscape of the mountain in the background
  - ii. Will include some quotes selected by faculty
  - iii. Needs a 16ft lift or ladder
- j. Many thanks to everyone who attended Family Resource Night
  - i. Teachers did a great job!



- ii. All presentations posted on the website
  - iii. There is a video being created of the night, can be used to promote in future
  - k. SLIDE DELIVERED!!!!!!!
  - l. 5th Grade Packet went out
1. Eileen - 5th Grade Committee
- a. Tentative date for hair-cut-athon April 16th at Happy Valley from 12-3pm
  - b. Twins Barber Shop, Stephanie Campbell, and Eileen Shepard will be available
  - c. Will need 6 volunteers to help on the day to field public coming in, collecting money, etc.
  - d. Will be walk-in
  - e. Basic affordable service menu, all dry cuts for kids and adults
1. Open discussions and brainstorms (15 mins)