



Sargent PTO Meeting #3
Dec. 08, 2021, 3:30pm

Agenda

1. Meeting preview (8.5 minutes):
 - a. PTO reviews agenda
 - b. Principal's report
 - c. Some updates from us
 - d. Open discussions/follow ups

2. Principal's Report (10 minutes)
 - Currently have 9 teachers working with Megan, our (land to learn?) instructor in our auditorium. Class is "Conversation and Reflection on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Our Classrooms." Teaching them through a restorative circle which is an indigenous practice.
 - Met with Asst. Superintendent O'Neill and the 4th grade teachers are thinking of revamping Colonial Day for this year. Possibly reading books from different POV's (local history, kid POV's, enslaved people, indigenous people, colonists), culminating in a trip to Philipsburg State Park.
 - Mr. Tejada is running the reading club. Current book is "My Side of the Mountain."
 - Environmental club - great participation!
 - Math club is popular among younger students, yay!
 - Looking to add Art Club.
 - The Superintendent is supportive of Minecraft club. TBA logistics.
 - We have had some discussion on Neurodiverse Board Game Club that serves neurodiverse children but is welcoming to all students.
 - Working on logistics for clubs for kids who have transportation issues, might create in-school opportunities once a month.
 - Wellness committee - Talked about how to maintain wellness for the adults and our staff. Activities to include but not limited to hiking, state parks, rock climbing for staff.
 - Holiday boutique 12/13-12/17



- Archer will be presenting the State of Situations at Sargent, highlighting the good, improvement plan, how to fit it into the Board goals of equity/excellence/fiscal(?), etc.
- Currently there are 7 sargent families the faculty has adopted to provide gift cards etc. this season. Thank you Mrs. Cortina for getting the families organized. Last year 3 families, this year 7.
- Thank you to Carter's Restaurant - donated trees and stands, delivered them + food to at least 4 Sargent families.
- No holiday concert in Dec, possible Jan. Stay tuned.
- Had to address 5th grade today for bullying/name calling/derogatory language towards the LGBTQ+ community. This behavior will result in a 2 day suspension from school.

PTO response.

- a. We will thank Carters Restaurant via our social media platform.
- b. How can we identify families in need so we can help?
 - i. Not sure how. There are mixed feelings due to possible embarrassment on part of the families. Asking staff to identify these families (since they spend a lot of time with the children they might have an idea of who is in need). Ms. Cortina is reaching out to families. We could implement a Google form for anonymity/privacy.
 - ii. Neurodiverse Board Game Club is not meant to exclude, but meant to include, centering the neurodiverse children.
 - iii. What can we do to support the wellness of the staff?
- a. Questions from parents
 - i. Slide and swing? Swings have been ordered. Waiting for central to inform on how the slide will be replaced.
 - ii. Gagaball? Banned because too rough especially with kids of mixed ages at recess. On hold for now till Spring. Contracts were made for softball/soccer so that might be put in place for Gagaball. Could we schedule certain days for different age groups for Gagaball to keep everyone safe?
3. PTO Updates (15 mins)
 - a. Thank you to teachers who held conferences prior to Thanksgiving Break. PTO provided lunch, yum yum.
 - b. Student council has "Fill the Stocking" - bring toys, toiletries, small books, etc.
 - c. School store is open on Weds morning. Run by student council kid members.



- d. Mrs. Cervone - request funding for Legoland virtual program. It is a virtual creative workshop. Someone would need to pick up the Legos in Westchester. \$170 per class, \$340 total. Works in with engineering unit for the 1st graders.
 - e. Mr. Dom - We miss the slide!
 - f. Ryan B. Winter Shoppe - one evening night, next Friday 12/17. Families can come and shop in the auditorium and activities will be outside.
 - Book swap, bring a book to trade in.
 - Selling hot cocoa, pre-wrapped treats.
 - Crafts/card making.
 - Games
 - Photo station

We will have outdoor heat, yay! Call for extra heaters, please let us know if you can help! Event would last from 6pm-8pm if possible, maybe 7:30 (tbd). Need 2 volunteers inside, 2 volunteers outside, 2 outside.

 - Hot liquid urn dispenser thingy needed.
 - Flier going out this week.
 - g. Volunteer sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48aeab2caaf94-holiday>
 - h. Emily - Need volunteers for in-school Holiday Shoppe. Holiday Shoppe items are priced on the lower end of the scale, but also there is a table of no cost supplemental gifts for kids in need. Flier going out this week.
4. Open discussions and brainstorms (20 mins)
- a. Kids' art show. Archer will inquire.
 - b. Bulletin board at gym entrance update. Archer will find out from Ms. Grant.