



Sargent PTO Meeting #3
Nov. 10, 2021, 8:00pm

Agenda

1. Meeting preview (2 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)
 - Trunk or Treat was well attended. Thank you to all of our volunteers.
 - Veterans' Day-11/11.
 - Picture Retakes-11/16 in music room.
 - Turkey Trot - Tuesday 11/16 3:30-4:15 - Bring in 5 food items and participate and get a homework pass
 - Is anything being offered for folks that don't have canned goods? Families that can't afford to donate?
 - Email Coach Koval to ask about equity.
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences are 11/22 and 11/23.
 - Thanksgiving Recess-11/24-11/26.
 - Thank you Sargent for supporting the district's Cap. Project which will help Sargent with a new and updated library. This is very exciting.
 - We are looking at fixing the playground slide. I am waiting for Central to let me know how we will pay/fix it. I am not sure if PTO will be asked to fund. More info to follow.
 - Wellness Committee met a few weeks ago. Sensory Room Training with staff is about done. Two students at a time in the room, shoes off. It is getting used by several students. Adult wellness of staff was also being promoted with some healthy get togethers such as staff meeting up at a state park and walking an easy hike.
 - Is there supervision from the OT or therapist while students are using the room?
 - Are kids/staff using the room appropriately - or are they more stimulated instead of helped?
 - Is data being collected on what they are doing, what are they using, what was behavior before/after using the room?
 - Literacy Committee met a few weeks ago also. We are looking to set up a promotion at Nov. Literacy mtg to celebrate reading, promote a specific skill such as Summarizing.
 - Looking to set up Building Leadership Team after Thanksgiving. We have parent volunteers.
 - SCEP follow up-our staff developer has not followed up with me yet to finish. However, the new asst. supt. Sagrario Rudecindo-O'Neil has set up trainings for teachers and principals on data analysis and how to use. Teacher Assistants and Teachers will begin a school read on CLOSE reading strategies in December. Our School Data team will be organized after P/T Conferences to begin looking at our I-Ready ELA and Math student performance data to further support staff and students.
 - At our last faculty meeting we talked about Morning Meeting best practices and reactions from students and teachers to this expectation.
 - Our clubs (Book, Environment, Intramurals, Chess) are up and running. Several students have petitioned me for an Art Club. I petitioned Central for an Art Club at Sargent.



- Can all the teachers send us a one-sheet on each club? We can post on our website.
 - Why petition Central? For a stipend?
 - What are the requirements to host a club?
- Ms. Ferrara and 4 or 5 fifth graders and 2 K students per day plus me have begun doing Morning News announcements that are recorded daily for the next day and shared on YouTube. My focus has been mindfulness breathing, movement breaks, turkey jokes and PBIS Character Trait-RESPECT for this month.
- a. Questions from parents
3. PTO Updates (15 mins)
- a. Spirit Wear - sold 51 items, with \$5/per item donation, it's \$255 net to PTO (Alena)
 - b. Scholastic books for Birthday Boxes are in - (Maria)
 - c. Turkey Trot - asked to purchase cider for kids
 - i. Jessica to purchase cider
 - d. PE Student of the Month Club is up and running again
 - i. Can PE SOTH be distributed on a non-gendered basis?
 - e. Events / Family Fun Nights / Fundraisers
 - i. Trunk or Treat - raised about \$1,050
 - ii. Chipotle - raised \$316
 - iii. **Boon Catalog Fundraiser** - through 11/28 (Emily)
 - iv. **Holiday Shoppe** - 12/6 - 12/10 (Ryan)
 - v. **Winterfest** on Friday 12/10 - parents can come in and shop with their kids, get a book, hot chocolate, donut, do a craft (Ryan)
 - f. Common Ground Farm administers the weekly backpack program to the school district's most food insecure children. Each year they include an extra special contribution ahead of the Thanksgiving Holiday for 30 students, that includes Common Ground produce, along with produce that our farm doesn't grow and apples. This program is funded in part by the United Way Holiday Helping Hands grant. Over the years we have also included a gift card to Key Food, so that participating families can purchase a turkey, or anything else that they might need. Our weekly program serves 20 students, and includes and a few kids from Sargent. This season, we will serve 30 students in total from this project, and are in the process of reaching out to the social workers at the other schools. We are hoping to send each child a \$20 gift card, so our total budget is \$600. Approval to spend \$150 and ask community for more donations?
 - PTO to give \$150 and will donate any additional money towards the goal
 - g. PTO Board Opening: Secretary
 - Yvonne De Moss elected to Board Secretary
4. Open discussions and brainstorm (20 mins)
- a. Jessica White - after-school 'Neurodiverse Game Club' - was told by Mr Archer that the club would exclude people in the population



- b. Why has Gaga ball been banned? Tag has been banned? No communication to school parents?
- c. What protocol does the school have when there is an injury at school? Are there neck braces or a wiggle board?
- d. Where are the speed bumps and the speed limit on the driveway? PTO to send archer an email about this.
- e. Why can't kids get/send emails from non-beaconk12.org? Laura to email Michael Kealy.