

Agenda and Minutes for Tuesday October 20th for PTO

1. Welcome

Those in attendance: Emily Burke, Shannon Douglas, Victoria Gainer, Stacy Kain, Kelley Keel, Lori Layton, Kristal Miller, Missy Paup, Suzanne Shearer, Michelle Walters

2. Review minutes from last board for approval

It was suggested that the PTO minutes be put on the website so that is what will be done in the future.

3. FUN RUN RESULTS:

a. Total Amount Earned

Online earnings = \$15,035 In-School = \$3104 Total = \$18,139.00

There were 23 students who raised \$200 or more and will receive a meal voucher from Moe's.

There were 13 students who raised \$300 or more and will receive 2 Regal Cinema movie tickets.

There were 2 students who raised \$500 or more. They will be principal for ½ a day w/ Ms. Kain.

17 classes reached their goal of \$500 or more and will have an extra recess, time to be determined by their teacher.

The top earning class in each grade level will receive a frozen treat during lunch:

1 st – Appleby	3 rd – Meyer	5 th – Real	Kdgn. – Shelley PM
2 nd – Appleton	4 th – Basom	6 th - Scheick	

The top earning grade level was 1st grade – they will have a Pajama and Slippers day in Nov.

We reached our school wide goal of \$15,000 so Ms. Kain will have a surprise for the students.

b. What worked/ didn't

Distribution of prizes was discussed. Worked well to give out the Sweet Treats at the end of the day in the LGI.

There was good communication about the Fun Run – emails to teachers, Facebook, 4pm emails.

c. Additional Feedback

Next year the PTO email address needs to be added to the Fun Run flier. Rethink the idea of a gift for all kids from the Fun Run proceeds.

4. Who Should have a Bank Debit Card?

a. Lori, Shannon and Michelle??

The bank will issue bank cards to anyone we want as long as the person is on the account. It was decided that Lori, Shannon and Michelle would have a bank debit card. This will allow them to purchase items on behalf of the PTO without needing to be reimbursed by Lori. It's also beneficial to have a PTO card because some retailers want to see a form of payment with the PTO name on it (ex. A card or check).

5. Teacher Appreciation

a. Monthly Gifts

i. Filling the refrigerator with Drinks and snacks this week

Snacks were donated by parents who signed up on a sign-up genius and the Faculty room was stocked full of goodies. Left over bottles of water from the Fun Run donations were added to the faculty room refrigerator.

According to teachers, the most popular drinks are coke, water, some diet coke, sprite, Snapple teas. And chocolate goes really fast!!!

PTO spent about \$250 on the 1st stocking of the faculty room. This 2nd time was donations from parents. We will hopefully do it again in early December.

- ii. Something for each classroom
- iii. Feedback from Food truck – thoughts for another one?

6. Scholastic Book Fairs

- a. Parent / Teacher representation
- b. Budget is \$3000
- c. Tentative Dates for 2020/2021
 - i. 10/9 – 10/22 – in full swing – need more involvement with the teachers to promote
 - 1. What worked
 - 2. What do we need to improve for next time?

No one has purchased anything online as of yet. It's new and we didn't count on this as a big money-maker right now. One drawback is that parents have to sign in and create an account in order to purchase something, along with signing in as an MES parent. We will add to the 4pm email tomorrow that the book fair closes on Thursday.

Next time: Can Scholastic give us paper fliers to send home with students?

- ii. March 1st thru the 5th – In person? We had to lock it in as an in-person event, but it will be a virtual event.
- iii. May 10th – 14th – BOGO – In person?
- d. Create wish lists for Teachers to spend money from Scholastic working
 - i. Thoughts on using the Sign-up Genesis

7. Get to Know You Teacher Forms

- a. What is the response from the teachers?
Kristal has received many of these back from the teachers. Oops, there wasn't a place for the teacher's name on the form!!
- b. If this way is not working out, what would they prefer?
- c.

8. Spirit Wear – Do we want to open a shop for parents and staff to purchase items from?

- a. Any place we have used in the past – what about the company that Mountville Baseball uses or linking with the Hempfield School District uses since the logo has been updated

Other schools have Spirit Wear but no one has had a very good experience with a Spirit Wear company. Josh Jordan – owns a business, getting into printing – he presented to MYA.

We need approval for "Hempfield" logos. Tori Gainer had to get approval from main Hempfield office to use the logo on the 6th grade bags and tees.

9. Missy Paup Tori Grainer comments – Teacher Report

- a. What are your needs
- b. What is going on in the school
Idea to raise money for – a Gaga Ball Pit. Should we raise money to buy one or can we build one? Dayspring has a really nice one. They built it. The question – where would we build it? And it would need major district approval – similar to what he had to do for the outdoor classroom, which is a huge challenge. We'll table this and look into it later.

10. Stacy Kain – Principal Report

Recess is going pretty well with the new equipment – it's being sanitized after each grade level. We're always looking for new ideas for recess.

Could we possibly get some benches from the same organization that donated the picnic tables?

We will be getting some students returning from HAVEN and some from Virtual learning at the end of the trimester. The problem we will have with this is the cafeteria – we need more hands on deck. We're going to ask for more tables for the cafeteria. The largest grade will have about 90 students in grade 1.

Need to keep teacher morale up.

11. SPAC update from Michelle Walters

Good meeting overall. Major topic of conversation was Covid. There were some heated discussions and strong opinions on the topic. There were questions about how Hempfield is reporting cases. The bottom line is that Hempfield is following the CDC guidelines. None of the cases that we have had at school have been due to contact at school.

High school courses completed in Middle school – they will be allowed on the transcript but not as part of GPA.

The district is going to build black-out dates into the school calendar for religious holidays so that schools can't plan events on those days. As of now, only principals have a religious holiday list. These black-out dates will help those who are planning events like fundraisers, book fairs, field trips, assemblies, etc. for the schools.

12. Open the floor for Comments

Another fundraiser will be gift cards to Trio's – we get 10% of the proceeds of gift cards sales – this will be at the end of November.

We will also have a fundraiser at Board & Brush.