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### **PTO Meeting Minutes – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:30 pm**

#### **Welcome –**

Alicia Savela (VP of PTO) welcomed all parents and gave out dress done passes to students for family participation. Hours recorded in a volunteer book.

Morning mile continues to be a success. Reminding parents that drop off is at 8am no earlier and children should not be left if an adult volunteer is not present at the time of drop off.

Participation days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Morning Mile is an opportunity for students (with parent participation strongly encouraged) to get some physical activity before classes begin. Volunteers are needed and interested parents can contact PTO President, Megan Naugle. As a reminder, Country Day employees are not allowed to take EHCS kids that arrive early for morning mile.

Please continue to participate in box tops and Amazon smiles. This can be used as volunteer hours and proceeds go to the PTO fund.

Review of minutes- Gerardo Capote and Tanesha Wilson- Minutes were emailed with January news and are available for review online. Additionally, a copy will be kept in the school's office.

#### **Focus – Mrs. Cheryl Turner**

State Testing for VPK through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade began on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> will have State testing on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

The testing involves Math and Reading. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have math on 1/11/23 and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be testing next week. Teachers will be trained on FAST and meetings will be held with parents to discuss further expectations for kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Practice test done this week. Parents can log-in to the site so kids could practice with sample questions under "Parent Portal". This year the 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment will not be counted; however, the 3<sup>rd</sup> assessment will. 3<sup>rd</sup> Assessment will be in May. Mrs. Turner encourages parents to visit the site and review sample tests with their kids. Testing is through Florida F.A.S.T/ Florida Assessment of Student Thinking and the website is [Floridafast.org](http://Floridafast.org). 70% of testing will be reading by the time they get to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids will have the option to change the font and background of the site but are encouraged not to as a measure to reduce distractions. Kids are also able to go back and forth through the test to review or change answers during the test window. The test does not only test knowledge level on the subject matter but it also tests their ability to navigate the computer. It is important that we prepare our students for FAST.

Parents are allowed to ask questions on SEL and how they can incorporate/carry over this type of discipline at home with the kids. (None asked during the meeting)

### **Treasurer's Report –**

1. **Account Balance:** \$7224 includes recent purchase for T-shirts. Shirts available for sale. Deposit \$112 Box top, refund for uniforms purchased \$214, and Amazon Smile deposit \$99 refund for Q3 2022
2. **T-Shirts** are still available for sale. T-shirts are \$12 for students and \$18 for adults. T-shirts can be used for dress down days or P.E days. Not intended as a replacement for the uniform. Can be worn once a week. If interested in purchasing please reach out to PTO.
3. **Upcoming expenses:**
  - a. Yearly liability insurance for \$341 yearly premium.
  - b. Intercom expenses will cost \$1200 and require a vote to allocate that funds. All present at the meeting unanimously voted and approved the purchase.
4. **Box Tops and Amazon Smile-** Parents are encouraged to continue using Box Tops and Amazon Smile to allow the school to benefit. Adding Educational Horizons to an Amazon account comes at no additional cost to families. Parents can even ask family and friends to as Educational Horizons to their accounts. In Amazon Smile, Educational Horizons can be found under Satellite Beach. There are also electronic versions of Box Tops that can be accessed virtually. If parents are interested in learning more about these passive income sources for the school, they can connect with any member of the PTO Board.
5. Co-treasurer Candace Walker stepped down from the position as treasurer and the executive board has decided to remove her name from all bank accounts own by the PTO. Vote needed for another signer on the account. The PTO Executive Board decided to have the President and Vice President assume the role as cosigners until a replacement is found. This was voted on during the meeting without objections

### **Vice President's Report –**

- **Morning mile-** Megan Naugle Tuesday and Thursday (volunteers needed)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44a8a82dafacf8-morning>
- The Message Board was installed on Sunday by the PTO but still needs a roof. Parents voted on installing the roof and voted for a \$200 budget to install it. Looking for volunteers to assist with the roof. The board came with warranty but no roof.
- Campus clean-up will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> for our upcoming visit from BPS. Volunteers needed to do weeding, trimming, mulching, and light cleaning. If time is not available, you can donate materials. This will be from 8am to 11am.

### **Principal's Report**

- **State Testing** will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and next week for 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade.

- **Science Fair** on January 12<sup>th</sup> for grades 4-6. Judges are needed from 9am to 12pm. Winners will be announced on Friday and some of them will move to the regional bid. Kids will have an opportunity to present their project and answer questions about it. They will be judged on knowledge, overall presentation, use of scientific methods, and quality of log. There are 33 projects in total. The kids that will go on to regional should have a board that can stand on its own even if done as a group.
- **School will be closed:** On January 16<sup>th</sup> in recognition to Martin Luther King Day
- **Onsite visits.** There will be a site visit from BPS on January 17<sup>th</sup>. School is preparing for that visit. NIPSA will be visiting Country Day on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Clean up projects for school grounds will be done prior to this visit. Volunteers needed
- **Literacy week** at Barnes and Nobles: Fundraiser K-6 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of January 5pm to 7pm. Vouchers will be given out. Please attend and invite your friends and family members. Small percentages of all purchases with vouchers will go to the school's PTO fund. Vouchers will be handed out and a small raffle at the end. Two parents volunteered to help at the event.
- All city track and field meet this April but we won't have time to organize it. We might be able to enter next in April. One parent in the audience volunteered to chair a meet for next year. Will start planning more in the months to follow.

**Teacher's Report:** Presented by Mrs. Eiben.

Everyone is working on a 100-day project. This will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Kindergarten** is learning about sentences and CVC words.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade students** are learning about animals' bodies and how they help them. They are also learning about the long "a", "ai", and "ay" sounds.
- **Both 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades** are learning about what the earth is made of, maps, presidents, and subtraction strategies up to 2 digits.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** for:
  - ELA: students are learning cursive, text evidence, editing our writing, and poetry (island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell is the being used)
  - Math: Focus is on fractions, decimals, division, area, perimeter, and showing our work.
  - SS: Students are learning about pirates, The Seminole Wars, The Civil War, natural resources, and levels of government
  - Science: Students are preparing for the science fair, also learning about renewable energy, nonrenewable energy, fossils and clues from the past.
- **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Students are learning to compare and contrast, argument writing, Visual Literacy, and they are preparing for F.A.S.T. testing. They will also be participating the science fair

Concerns and questions: none

**Next Meeting:** February 7th 2023- Focus volunteering and fundraising for future

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanesha Wilson