

Fieldstone Elementary PTO Meeting Notes



General Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 6:30PM
Fieldstone Elementary School, East Commons

Principal's Report

Jeanette Aanerud

- Jeanette thanked for the fridge/ice maker – it's great and staff are loving it. Thanked for the treats for staff and photo booth at orientation, as well.
- Student numbers: about 602 final number (12 students left in last 3 days). About 140-160 per grade.
- Homecoming is early this year (18th through 22nd). Jeanette sent out an email today to plan dress up days. Sticker will be in planners and added to Facebook and website
- Picture Day is this Wednesday
- Grandparents and special friends breakfast will be Oct 24th through Oct 27th. Information is coming soon. Book Fair will happen during that time, as well. Will be in the AM. Krista advised Kristina reached out to us for volunteer signup. 3rd grade 26th (early release day, as well, and school closes at noon).
- Conferences are 10/26 this year. About 1:15-7PM window plus another 4 hours flex for teachers to decide for themselves. Primary does even earlier conferences. We had to have earlier due to busing
- Nov 7th is teacher workshop day. Some of our schools are election polling sites, so district uses as staff development day. Another staff development day 11/22. Not common to have two in a month, but that is how it worked with calendar this year.
- 4th grade concert is November 13th (Monday night). Earlier than normal
- PTO meeting moved to first Monday in November due to concert (Nov 6th).
- Jeanette advised great first 3 days of school. 1st and 2nd grade lunches have been going very well. Thank you to volunteers who have helped.

Special Guest

Amy Nelson

- Amy leads the Safety Patrol, Student Council, and the Planning Room. 5th school year here. Has always worked in behavior. Likes to show students that they can make mistakes, but it doesn't make them a bad person. Loves working in the planning room, lunchroom.

STUDENT COUNCIL

- Asked Jeanette to start a student council. 90 applicants last year, could only pick 25 last year. Selecting 30 this year. Students fill out a very thorough out application.
- 13 boys applied first year, 2 boys applied last year, 12 boys applied this year. Trying to encourage boys that they can apply for Student Council, as well.
- Student Council is in charge of things like: Kindness pumpkins outside, Dress Up Days (bring in change), delivering Valentine's candy bags to Engelhaus residents, being reading buddies for 1st graders, running the school supply store, Thanksgiving Food Drive, etc...
- School supply store (which the SC named "Fieldstone Supply Depot") earned about \$1,000 in profits. That money was spent to restock the store.
- Any money made has to be spent on the school or community

- This is second full year. 2022-2023 was first full year. Prior year was a partial year.
- SC is asking for PTO to purchase a banner for the school store. They cannot purchase with profits from schools store. Banner would run \$60-75 and is already created on Canva (by Amy).
- SC is also asking for a working budget annually to get candy for Valentine's bags (ideally \$100) and money for busing to Engelhaus and Valleyfair (at least \$500). Safety patrol goes to Valleyfair, as well (10 more kids)
- To apply, students need recommendations (ex. teachers, parents, coaches, etc...). They want the best of the best candidates
- Amy advised SC would be happy to help with Penguin Patch. Last year, were able to pull a few students last minute to help 1st graders shop. With more advance this year, could have more helping
- SC will be picked after MEA by Sept 25th
- Their mission is how can they help school, community, and student body
- Every trimester, they pick 2 community projects, 2 student projects, and 2 school projects.

SAFETY PATROL

- Only open to 4th graders who turn 10 by a specific date each year. Eliminates at least 2/3 of 4th graders because of this. This is state requirement.
- This year, we have 10 safety patrol officers (5 girls and 5 boys)
- Students attend a Legion summer camp to prepare. Legion donated \$10,000 to make this happen, as well as the Lions who donated \$800

Officer Report: Co-President

Krista Hall-Gerten

- Book Fair Volunteer email coming

Fundraising Coordinator Report

Sarah Moylan

- Penny Wars is happening soon. There will be 4 jars in the main area. Students bring in change. Teachers asked for Penny Wars flyers ASAP so they can post on Seesaw
- Right now, will be first week of October (Oct 2nd through 6th)
- Family Dance was going to be in October, but will be bumped. Will ask for a suggested donation. This dance will not be like the daddy/daughter dance. May pick a theme (ex. 50s). TBD
- Parent volunteered to help with decorations for the dance (does balloon art).
- Culvers Share Night will be happening soon. Will share details/date with families.
- Holiday shop again. We need a lot of volunteers. 1st week of December. Have to have 10 adults here the entire day. Overwhelmed last year, so need more help this year. We will not use Penguin Patch organization this year. Will purchase items on our own.
- We did a garage sale for a few years, but ended up with many extra toys and not enough help
- Readathon for this year. Booster has an option, possible. Likely end of Feb 2023.

General Discussion

- Yearbook. Jeanette will ask for volunteer to help.
- Reminder: We have openings for Co-President and Staff Appreciation.

Discussion After Meeting:

- Kindness in Chalk Oct 2nd for students. Invite parents to do on October 1st (Sunday)?
- We cannot purchase gift cards or TPT per Jeanette. Teachers also cannot be reimbursed. All ordering must go through front office (Rebecca). Then, Jeanette will provide a receipt to the PTO for reimbursement.
- Krista advised SpEd team responded to email
- Jeanette will confirm with 4th grade if item in question is needed. Last year, amount not used, so just seeing if it's still needed this year
- 2nd grade student magazine subscriptions. Krista will send Jeanette list of magazines being requested by 2nd grade. Jeanette will add to her video.
- Jeanette confirmed bike rack being requested is higher quality and will last longer (that explains higher cost).