

# Fieldstone Elementary PTO Meeting Notes



General Monthly Meeting  
Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30PM  
Fieldstone Elementary School, East Commons

## Introductions

- PTO board members and staff introduced themselves to parents attending. Parents introduced themselves, as well.

## Mathnasium Presentation

- This business is in the STMA area. They tutor math to children struggling, who want to maintain, or want to be challenged
- Free trial session available to let kids experience what Mathnasium has to offer
- Contact to learn more about scheduling, pricing, etc...
- Interested in setting up a math night. Will work with school/PTO

## Principal's Report

Jeanette Aanerud

- Looking forward to fundraiser coming up!
- First days have gone well. Still registering students. Some late registrations came in.
- Some parents are not getting Fieldstone emails. They are working on it. Sometimes upgrades or updates will affect things. School is working with Wayne Hoistad to determine steps to fix.
- Lunches have been getting better/faster for younger kids! They are currently allowing extra lunch for younger grades, but will start to phase out little by little as they learn more about lunchroom process.
- For next fundraiser, can we bring back the fun run? Many staff members were asking about this. Amy Nelson said she would help run it to keep 100% of profit. She said she can help find volunteers, as well. Sound system may be a struggle, but we could potentially hire a DJ. Also, inflatables would be another thing that may be hard to replicate. We could potentially pool money with other PTO's to purchase inflatables and share
- Amy Nelson is our Student Council contact. Jeanette and Amy will be meeting to discuss schedule. Jeanette will share schedule with Amy. November will be food shelf collection. Up to Amy now to ensure that she refers to PTO fundraising schedule to prevent overlap.

## Teacher Reports

- First three days have gone very well!
- When will we find out about what is approved for 2024-2025 budget
- Raz Kids. They are OK trying to do AR for higher kids, but are interested in getting 1 license for kids who need extra help. There are some other free programs available to help kids during school hours. Kindergarten is no longer doing Raz Kids. Focus is more on fluency and reading vs. comprehension. They'd prefer to take some of money and get decodable reader theaters.
- We'd purchase license under 1 teacher and they students would work with that teacher. They can wait a month for

now as they research other options.

- AR funded by school district.
- Book bags are approved for 1<sup>st</sup> grade already. Jeanette and front office will order.
- David is coming in November for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! First day is whole group. After that, does a writing residency. He adds to their writing pieces. Goes along with Writing for 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.
- PTO would love to have 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade reps at some of the meetings!

## **Fundraising**

- Jersey Mike's is coming up this weekend! We will send physical flyers home this week. Already shared on Facebook. Jeanette will send a Blackboard. Jeanette has the digital and will send to the teachers if they can share on Seesaw. Must use flyer for us to get funds! 50% of total! For online orders, use code on flyer.
- For October, we have a Once Upon a Read-A-Thon fundraiser. Letter goes home mid-September to explain to parents. More details coming to teachers soon.
- There are four parts. 1<sup>st</sup> part is reading log where parents can note that their kid is reading 20 min/day. Child will receive prize for that. QR code is for collecting funds. That letter goes home on 27<sup>th</sup>. We will use Zeffy like Primary school did for Color Run. Once you have donated, send a slip back to school showing donation. We will track how money comes in for each classroom. Rewards for classes/grade. October 11<sup>th</sup>, Book Character Parade!
- Teachers appreciate not needing to handle any money. Appreciate the detailed information ahead of time to review, ask any questions, etc....
- Will order enough reading log prizes so each teacher gets enough for kids. Any extras can go back to PTO to sell at holiday shop.
- We need an emcee for the Book Character Parade! Will talk to Jeanette
- November, we are doing Space Aliens. Similar to Jersey Mike's where we provide a flyer.
- December is the holiday shop. Kids can bring money and purchase gifts for family members and friends. Event has been popular
- January – Penny Wars!
- February 28 – family Dance! We still need to check with community ed to ensure date works. Jeanette checked and school calendar looks OK.
- March – Chipotle, April – Culvers, May – Malmberg's
- Looking for volunteers. We have Sign Up Genius set up for Read-A-Thon and others. Sent to Fundraising Committee and PTO so far.
- School supply kits update – do we like? Group agreed yes. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade folders were missing holes – they had to manually add this year. Otherwise, parents love the kits! The note for parents about extra things to purchase was awesome and very helpful. Good customer service per 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.
- Group agreed we are OK committing to First Day of School Supplies now
- Volunteer check – all should have the in-depth background checks. Can potentially use PTO to create Sign Up Geniuses for teachers, as well. Need to make sure and push background checks.

## **Misc**

- Teachers and Jeanette did not get Pops in the Park notice. We will remember to do it next year! Next year we can do a Blackboard connect message
- Pops in the Park was very successful. More kids than last year.
- Kindness in Chalk will be Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Will invite families to come Tuesday night to do more chalk. Same day as Read-A-Thon kickoff. If it rains, we will push out later into the week as needed
- Student Council usually decides STMA Homecoming Spirit week dress days. Jeanette will get it to us as soon as possible
- School pictures are coming up. Pictures are done before recess (10:30AM).