

PTO Virtual Meeting 02/11/25

Attendance via Google Meet: Rachel Turetsky, Courtney Sroka, Joseph Haas, Carrie Minkler, David Bernsley, Jodi Cataldo, Renee Vankeuren, Deanna Baker, Kara Wilson, Meg Reynolds. Annette Bell

Old Business: Dodgeball cannot be on 02/28. New date is looking like March 21st. This day would be no pizza night so we would need to check in with the Senior class about snacks and concessions. Asking for donations that night for Helping Hands Donation for the event asking for Children's Snacks. Waiver to be put on the bottom of the permission slip to make sure everything is covered for insurance purposes. In person meeting to really organize and get this event going. Popcorn Fundraiser options present virtual vs half and half options. Will ask if there is a cost for the paper option. Think it would be best to offer both over a two week window. Cost firm date etc. Stewart's Match submitted. Skating Palm Sunday 1pm to 4pm

New Business: Teacher Appreciation May, Reach out to Stewarts in April for beverage requests. Principals will give us the best day during that week to set up. Luau Put on at BES April 25th do they need us to help? Kindergarten request for 35\$ for transportation. Incentive for MS/HS attendance maybe snack coupons? Reach out to Tammy Whitman about reimbursements. How would this work?

Principal Report BES: January ELA and Math Simulation tests completed. Souper-bowl canned drive for Helping Hands 139 cans collected. The 100th day of school will be Monday 02/24/25. 100 cereal boxes were collected to create a domino activity, this will be done on 02/14/25. Ms McDonald submitted artwork for the Empire State Art Show at the Plaza in Albany. Pre K and Kindergarten registration is open for 2025/2026 school year. Wear Red/Pink Friday for Valentine's Day. This month for character ed Jeanette Alderman came in and talked about the bus, bus behavior and safety. Merits will be given out on the bus to recognize good behaviors and following expectations.

Principal Reports MS/HS: CAM is collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Spirit Week is this week. Semi Formal Dances upcoming for MS on the 28th. Simulation testing was completed. Principal's list dinner was canceled for this Thursday due to weather. Will be rescheduled to the 27th of February. Continue to work on behavior expectations and appropriate language expectations. Attendance is still a struggle at this MS/HS level and continuing to work on this. Progress is being made and asking for support at home for this. Athletics winter seasons winding down. Sign ups will be opening up for Spring sports. Every other Friday Star Classrooms at the MS/HS make breakfast for staff. The money they collect is for field trips and life resource objectives.

Deanna Baker presented a parent survey to see how helping hands can help your family or in the community? Talked about a clothing swap at little to no cost for new or gently used clothes. Results showed families would like more academic nights, movie nights, dances, parent night out with babysitting. An opportunity for families to connect outside of school. Color run brought

up again. Deanna offered to help if we can get this up and running. Focus on this after the Dodgeball tournament is over.

Treasurer's Report: 5th grade deposited Chocolate fundraiser money. Was very successful and should be able to cover the cost of the buses for the Bronx Zoo Trip. Check sent for elementary field trip bus cost.