

TECEC PTO MEETING Minutes



March 2, 2016

- Call to Order-Danielle Dunleavey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- Present: Amy Lehaney, Danielle Dunleavey, Michelle Weiner, Denise Coughlin, Heidi Staffaroni, Lynne Pitoniak, Geri Proscino, Shirley Kwapon, Marianne Piatkowski, Ms. Claudia and Mr. Matt
- February Minutes (Amy Lehaney)-There were no questions on the minutes. There was a discussion on the new staff embroidered shirts/vests/jackets.
- Treasurer's Report (Heidi Staffaroni)-There were no questions.
- Upcoming Events
 - Playdates (Danielle Dunleavey)-There was no February playdate and March's will be at BounceU on March 18th from 10 am-12pm. The cost will be \$10 per child paid that day. Flyers will be going home this week.
 - Spring Party/10 Year Anniversary Party-The party is May 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The PTO has booked an Anna character, GMS Management booked a petting zoo and we have a Captain America costume and need a volunteer to wear it. The party will be rain or shine. The press releases will be going out soon and we will advertise and promote it on Facebook. Danielle will try and get the Polar Pete Ice Cream Truck. Denise will ask Middlebrook about where they get their crafts and after ABNO we will start advertising for volunteers. We will sell water and water bottles and Danielle will talk to Mario about pizzas.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 2 thru 6th. Denise will email the room parents about the activities planned for that week. Monday will be wear your teacher/para's favorite color, Tuesday will be fruit, Wednesday make a card, and Thursday will be flowers. Danielle and Amy will handle all of the other staff for each day and put items in their mailboxes. The staff luncheon will be on May 6th and Danielle, Geri and Heidi will co-chair. Last year we used Best Edibles. There will be gluten free and vegetarian options available. Geri will get in touch with Amy from Healing Touch about providing chair massages again.
- A Big Night Out Update-we need to increase ticket sales. The next meeting will be at Danielle's house on Wednesday night. Amy and Danielle will be meeting with Mario at Marisa's next week.

- Open Forum
 - Enrichment Programs-March 30th will be the Bubble program.
 - Denise mention talking to the Father's Club about keeping kids buckled until they reach the drop off point.
 - Quassy would like to do an event with us. Danielle suggested combining with all of the Trumbull Schools. We would support another school handling the details but we do not want to be the lead on it.
 - Talked about the traffic situation again and there are a variety of options that have been considered such as adding another driveway, widening the roads and moving poles but none of them are cost effective. The BOE is forming a sub committee on this issue. Also Ms. Claudia reminds that parents need to pay attention and not be on the phone during pick up. Also please do not leave such wide gaps for letting cars out.
- Wheeler's Words of Wisdom – Dr. Wheeler
 - Twin day was a huge success
 - The Critter Caravan was great and Dee took lots of pictures and once the internet is back to normal will post them on a secure site and teachers will share with classes.
 - The superintendent sent out a message concerning the internet issue today.
 - The Transitioning Workshop was a great success with 7 presenters and over 30 people attended.
 - The BOE budget is still in the beginning stages.
 - The PIP letters for next year will be sent out in mid to late March. The registration meetings are being set up. The AM/PM decisions will go out in May.
 - We currently have 244 students and will be over 250 students by the end of March.
 - Parent Conferences are set for March 17th in the afternoon and evening. There will be an 11:20 dismissal that day and no pm session.
 - The Father's Club meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 and movie night is Friday. The Brick project will be finalized tomorrow night but proposed costs are \$50 for a 4x8 brick and \$75 for an 8x8 brick.
 - The TECEC Olympics will be on May 18th with a rain date of May 25th.
 - Mr. Matt will be ordering the vision screening machine for \$7495 and the PTO will pay for it. Training will be provided to the staff from the company.
 - Nurse Terry is concerned because several children have hurt themselves by running into the poles of the gas station set up. She got a quote to put padding around those poles and the swing poles. The PTO decided to pay for the gas station pole covers only at this time. That will be \$180.

- There is a workshop on March 21st at 6 pm with Todd Kellogg. A flyer will be sent home. There is a Headstart workshop on Wednesday-please RSVP if planning to attend.
- The Pawsitivity flyer will be blasted and includes examples of kindness from several groups. The PTO got a giant pom pom for ABNO planning.
- Danielle asked Mr. Matt to talk to the Father's Club about helping during ABNO.

The next PTO meeting will be 4-6-16 at 7pm in the family room/library at TECEC