

Three Oaks Middle School  
PTO MEETING MINUTES  
October 26, 2021

∇∇ = Volunteer opportunity

⇒ = Action required

**Members Present:** Gladys Arana, Dr. Clark, Amy Custo, Amy Ospina, Lori Reichart, Mrs. Roache, Kristin Teschke, Irene Mimnaugh, Mrs. Rossi

**Administration Report:** *Dr. Clark*

- COVID-19 positivity rates have been decreasing for the most part, with a slight uptick last week, and a current rate of 2.99%; January 2022 may bring another surge
- Data shows an increase in absences over the last four years; 72 students with 8+ absences in Q1
- FSA scores decreased last year mostly across the board
- Learning gaps from students distance learning last year and readjusting to the school environment this year can translate into discipline issues; data for TOMS show an increase in referrals; 31 students with two or more referrals, and an increased rate for the entire district
- 2020-2021 learning gains dropped across the board, but the Q1 test material was on material students have not seen before; hopefully Q2 results will increase
- December assessments will be consolidated to one day for math and one day for reading, rather than pulling from instructional time over several days
- ∇∇ PBIS celebration this Friday to reward behavior for no minor infractions
- ∇∇ November 17<sup>th</sup> Q1 Honor Roll Assembly
- The first of two Marine Lab trips upcoming for November (the second is in January)

**Treasurer Report:** *Amy Ospina*

- Kudos to Amy Ospina on the setting up a new PayPal link, and the tax-exempt Amazon account!
- Account balance just over \$9,500.00: Math \$166.00, PBIS \$675.00, General Student Enrichment \$2,133.84, PTO \$6,500.56
  - Most recent income \$257.13 from “Culver’s”, \$300 from “Texas Roadhouse”
  - Most recent expenses include \$682.95 from “Jason’s Deli” deducted from Administration Silent Auction fund for brunch, and PBIS purchases from Amazon for \$67.96

Upcoming Income

- Opportunities from “Culver’s” Spirit Night in October, “Texas Roadhouse” on November 10<sup>th</sup>, and “Zaxby’s” on January 14<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Expenditures

- \$2,500 projected for “Target” gift cards to be given to faculty and staff for the winter holidays

**Old Business:** *Amy Custo*

- We are waiting on the October check from “Culver’s”
- We might be able to coordinate a Spirit Night with the TOMS sporting event going on around the same time
- There will not be any Spirit Nights in December
- ⇒ For the January 14<sup>th</sup> Spirit Night at “Zaxby’s”, we will consider a tie-in with the National Geographic Geography Bee that TOMS Civics teacher Travis McKellar is organizing; the winner would get a gift certificate to “Zaxby’s”
- The PTO offered a PayPal link on “Culver’s” Spirit Night as an alternative to going to the restaurant, but only one person donated, with a total of \$25.00; it does not take much effort; we may or may not continue to offer it

- Amy & Irene transferred information for “Zaxby’s”, so Irene is able to help with the coordination
- April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> are the tentative dates for the Silent Auction, starting at 5:00pm Friday; Dr. Clark will put this on the calendar tentatively, and does not see a conflict at this time
- PTO discussed the option of hosting the Silent Auction in-person, but concluded this would require a lot of man power, and online provides a great deal of convenience, and greater reach

**NEW BUSINESS:** *Amy Custo*

- PTO will hold the “campaign” for families to donate for Teacher Appreciation Week in late February, so as to avoid the tight window between the Silent Auction and Teacher Appreciation Week
  - If in-person events are allowed, we can hold a Bake-less Bake Sale
- Mrs. Rossi recalled the fundraising idea from AVID, where plastic jars are placed in the cafeteria or an area with high student traffic, with each jar labeled with a photograph of a teacher or administrative member, and students “vote” with money for which person will wear a costume themed to match the time of year (for example, it could be a Leprechaun if this takes place in March); Lori can send information as the time gets closer
  - Lori Reichart knows where the jars are located
- Irene Mimnaugh asked if parents can donate to something specific like buying a teacher lunch? The PTO will consider this.
- Dr. Clark has experience with a gift card “punch board” as a fun additional gift for teachers and staff. The PTO can ask parents to donate gift cards (whether those be purchased for this event, or are cards families have on hand that they have not used)
  - PTO can create a flyer or Facebook announcement with something clever about gift cards taking up space and gathering dust; if you cannot donate money, donate a gift card you are not using
  - Family business partners could benefit
  - We will need at least one gift card per teacher; this would be for teacher appreciation – not for Christmas
- What was the role of the PTO when volunteers were allowed on campus? We want to ensure we do not miss anything, now that COVID-19 protocols are allowing for volunteers (criteria must be met for volunteers on campus)
  - The biggest activity was setting up Honor Roll assemblies; volunteers allowed during school day for outdoor events at this time
  - In past years, PTO also helped with ticket sales for dances, PBIS events (next one is this Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>)
  - Dr. Clark can arrange for PTO volunteers for the PBIS event next quarter
- Honor Roll Assembly will still be held outside on November 17<sup>th</sup> during the last three periods of the day; it is a blue day, during periods 8, 10, and 12
  - VV PTO can help set up and break down for the 490 students who made Honor Roll in Q1, but parents are still not permitted to attend; TOMS hopes to be able to offer this in a future assembly this year
- Lori ordered black t-shirts black with blue lettering, and also has “McDonald’s” coupons to hand out
- ⇒ PTO will provide some type of ice cream treat, but not ice cream sandwiches
- Mrs. Rossi has arranged for Mr. Wasman of the Rotary to bring certificates and t-shirts to the Honor Roll Assembly for the selected name drawn from those submitted; a staff member is needed to help with this

- ⇒ Does PTO help with concessions for band or orchestra concerts? PTO has not helped with this in the past, because Ms. Tucker used to have her own booster club. There is no longer a booster club, so PTO can check if Ms. Tucker needs assistance in this area
- Amy Custo presented the candygram fundraiser idea just prior to the winter holiday break
  - This is a simple way for students to get a gift for their teachers, without parents having to worry over buying gifts for multiple teachers for the holidays
  - Print out a sheet with a row of six candygrams for students to fill out selecting a teacher to receive a candygram, then PTO distributes them to staff mailboxes
  - Another idea from Dr. Clark is to have something in the courtyard for a week with the PTO handing out the candygrams - we will get the details together – we won't have the hand out on an early dismissal day
- Does Dr. Clark need help with the homeroom door decorating mentioned in the Weekly Update? Student Council is handling this, not the PTO – there will probably be a wreath decoration contest in December
- PTO can advertise and promote the car tag decoration contest as well
- Dr. Clark would like parents to have an HOV lane for picking up more than one student – not sure now to execute it, but would be a good idea
- Lori Reichart has extra volunteer forms if needed
- After the December 17<sup>th</sup> student dismissal, the administration will have some type of luncheon for teachers and staff to wish them a wonderful holiday break. Dr. Clark is extending the invitation of holiday cheer to the PTO (thank you)!
- Mrs. Rossi suggested two possible PTO fundraiser ideas:
  - Hosting a roller-skating night at “SpinZ”
  - Hosting one night of the Friday night Open Skate ice skating at Hertz Arena
  - Glenn provides the music for the Everblades, and Lori Reichart will ask him about this; perhaps the school can also ask Mr. Ralph (Everblades coach and father of an 8<sup>th</sup>-grader) about TOMS skate night

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next PTO meeting is Tuesday/November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

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