

Windsong Elementary PTO

PTO General Meeting

Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:30 AM, Cafeteria

1. President's Welcome/Call to Order - Jess H - called to order @ 9:30AM 5 minutes
 - a. Approval of January Meeting Minutes - Stephanie J motions, Manny B seconds
2. Doing things out of order -
 - a. Diane with FJH PTO - Positions available - Pres. & Co-Pres. available. Committees are strong, so don't be scared! 6th Social needs 2 people. 7& 8th is combined, and need 2 as well. Socials are weekend of Homecoming Game. 6th Saturday, 7th Friday. Pi Day needs help. School Supplies may need a position. Reach out to Allison W. or Diane Freeman, 281-250-9587.
 - b. Raise365 - Jason - Need people to get the parents involved. People need to sign up and put contacts in there. To be successful we need people signed up and contacts in. That's it! We need help pushing the information. We just need to make sure the parents know about it... The more you can hype everyone up, the more successful it will be.
 - i. Ideas to make it more successful:
 1. Tie in with future events.
 2. Talk to teachers individually.
 3. Prizes are motivating to the kids, so if the teachers have something to play (video), that would be good.
 - ii. The campaign puts out a drip of 3 messages. It will not start until we have enough people. They can unsubscribe. We will still have 2 weeks once we go LIVE.
 - iii. Money will go to Outdoor Learning Space.
 - iv. Parents can also put two first names and Jason can separate them out later, if this is easier than using separate emails for each child.
 - v. Prizes will come after the fundraiser. If teachers can get silly string, the craziness hypes up the kids!
3. Principal's Report 5 minutes
 - a. Principal's Update - Wendy M - Color Run was SO much FUN!!!
 - i. Outdoor Learning Space - Legacy Grant for Inclusive Areas - One piece of equipment is \$14,000, another piece is over \$50,000. These things are expensive. Bales has a new one that was \$120,000 (between Bales and Renwick). Ours is slated to end near Sun Meadow with a path going around (ADA accessible), with at least 2 inclusive activities. FISS Safety Director, JT Patton, is coming tomorrow to meet about the quote and how to get it started.
 - b. PTO End of Year Gift to Windsong - Where does it go? - Julie M & Wendy M
 - i. Dreambox is provided by the district
 1. However, in addition, Brain Pop is purchased by Windsong because the teachers like to use it.

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2. It's the above and beyond stuff that Windsong covers with the money we provide.
3. [Find a list of additional ways the money is used in the presentation here.](#)
- ii. Trying to get Title I waiver, but nothing we can do to help from a PTO standpoint.
- iii. McAshlan has been able to purchase all the left over grants and fund them with the money the PTO has provided two years in a row.
- iv. As PTO we are trusting our Administration to be a good steward of our money.

4. Committee Reports

25 minutes

a. Treasurer

- i. Previous Month Financial Report ([click here to view](#)) - Lori J -
 1. We are currently exceeding the goals as of today. We have two big fundraisers happening now, and if those hit targets, we will be good.
 2. Got some Box Top money!!
 3. Still have Stripe account and Venmo money that will be reconciled once moved into the account.
 4. Silent Auction ends next Friday, but potentially can extend items that we need to - socials, etc...
 5. Gift to Windsong and Grants are two biggest "expenses" coming up.

b. President(s)

- i. 2024-2025 Board/Chairman Elections - Julie M -
 1. From our Bylaws:

"H. Nominating Committee

1. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of five members.
 - a. Three are selected by the Officers of The Organization (Julie, Lori, Jessica)
 - b. One is a faculty member (Mrs. McAshlan)
 - c. One is a member at large to be selected by the School Administrator.
2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate eligible persons for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the **March meeting**.
3. **Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be eligible for nomination.**
4. The Nominating Committee shall also submit the names of eligible individuals to serve as members of Standing Committees for the following year.
5. These individuals must be aware of the time and duties required to fulfill that position.
6. These names will be presented at the April meeting or such other time as voted on by a majority of the Executive Board.
7. The Officers shall be elected by a show of hands annually, at the April meeting or at such other time as voted on by a majority of the Executive Board. Page 4
8. If there is more than one nominee for any office, election of that office(s) may be by ballot. "

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- ii. Interest Forms will need to be received by March 15th. ([Click here to fill it out](#))
- iii. Jessica H - All available except Treasurer.
- c. Vice President
 - i. Adult Social in Silent Auction - Heather S - Tickets are \$60/person - Murder Mystery Night at Gentle Ben Tasting Room Roaring 20's theme. April 27th 6-9:30pm. Limited in space, so get your tickets!!! The sponsors are putting on the murder mystery and you don't want to miss it!!
- d. Fundraising
 - i. Color Run Update - Jess Hoffman - Stephanie Jenkins single handedly raised \$18,000... THANK YOU!! Next Year, thinking about Windsong Games to be added after the Color Run... A way to be competitive with their families since the Color Run is not. They can choose which events to participate in at the time of signups. (Allison W - Talk to Diane about the dodgeball tournament to get ideas around that). It seemed to end earlier so wanting to extend that, but you really can't always get everyone...
 - ii. Spirit Night Updates - Brianna Z - Pokeworks coming March 8th, not sure how things went for the two after Color Run. It can be hard since receipts don't always make it in the boxes, etc.
 - iii. Spirit Store Update - n/a
 - iv. Book Fair Update - Ashley K & Sarah M - Just over \$17,000 now.. Open House was just shy of \$9,000, everyone got excited for the decorations. They love coming to see it all. They enjoy walking through. We do Scholastic Dollars and the school gets just shy of 50%. Mrs. Boyer is able to purchase books she needs to replace, items for Maker Space. Amy N - Could be good to get photos of the deliveries to show where the money goes. Heather suggested signing up for specific duties if you are interested in helping.
 - 1. Stephanie J - get a head of the game and meet during summer to break down duties and figure out where your gifts can be utilized. PTO Table at Kinder Social, having meeting in the evenings so more people can attend and be involved.
 - 2. Kinder Social this next year could potentially be at Windsong and maybe do a walkthrough, get to play on the playground.
 - v. Silent Auction Update - Stephanie J - Been watching... its the same people currently. 2 years ago Silent Auction did \$30K, last year was \$13K.... She has a \$20K goal, but would LOVE to kick the \$30K out of the water. The watch list is 6 pages long... She thinks people are waiting until next week to get started.
 - 1. Afraid Raise365 is going to keep the hype down.

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2. It takes a long time... so changing it to a fall event could be difficult. (Jess Hoffman suggested potentially pairing Silent Auction with Winter Festival.)
 3. Definitely needs a committee next year.
 4. Flyers will be in folders tomorrow.
 5. Possibly stickering the kids...
 6. Card Your Yard out tomorrow (3/1)
 7. Raffle numbers looking good... push that!!
 8. \$75 option is wrong, but it will be okay.
 9. Allison - if you see pricing is questionable, ask Stephanie or Allison.
 10. Wanted social tickets to sell better
 11. Marque's aren't selling
 12. Still 65 items without bids
 13. Carli mentioned it could be that there are so many items...
 14. Katie D - Put a hold on Raise365...?? Amy N - could Raise365 be pushed back to after Spring Break?
 - a. Joei S - Raise 365 is meant to hit a different audience than our community, which is where Silent Auction is meant to be involved.
- vi. Raise365 Update - Discussed earlier.
- e. General Committee Chair Reminders/Volunteers of the Month
- i. Socials
 1. Grade Level Socials are being planned now.
 - a. Kinder - Acrosports (Katie D)
 - b. First Grade - Pearwood Skate, May 3rd 9 (Amy N)
 - c. Second Grade - Looking at Pearwood Skate or Kid Creations (Joei) S
 - d. Third Grade - Honky Tonk (Brianna Z)
 - e. Fourth Grade - Not having one without help (Allison W)
 - f. Fifth Grade -
 2. Both Fourth and Fifth need more volunteers for Hosting!
 - ii. Members of the Month - Katie D
 1. Jess Hoffman
 2. Jordan Fickenssen
 - iii. Hospitality - Katie D - Signup Genius coming soon for fun teacher treat day, March 22nd!!
- f. Field Day - Carli V -
- i. 6 Volunteers who have their FISD Background check are needed for each class. Signup!
 - ii. Wear Class Shirts!

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- iii. Need 1 person per class to bring a wagon for water bottles
- iv. Teachers will decorate a White Flag as their "Classroom" (country) flag.
- v. Awards are being given!
- g. FJH PTO - Allison W - see above.

5. Announcements

5 minutes

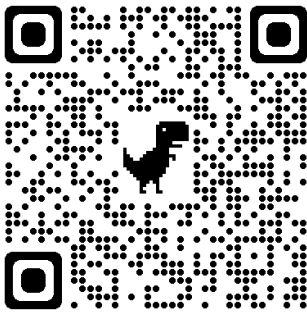
a. Dates to Remember

- i. Spirit Event - Pokeworks - Today, February 29th
- ii. Book Fair - Ends Tomorrow, March 1st
- iii. Silent Auction - Now through March 8th
- iv. Raise 365 - Now through March 9th
- v. Field Days - March 7th (K-2) & March 8th (3-5)
- vi. SPRING BREAK - March 11-15th
- vii. Spring Picture Days - March 20-21st
- viii. Teacher Treat Day - March 22nd
- ix. March PTO Meeting - Thursday, March 28th @ 9:30 AM
- x. Spirit Day & Spirit Store Cafeteria Sales - Thursday, March 28th
- xi. School Holiday, Friday, March 29th

6. Open Floor -

5 minutes

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Spirit & Tie-Dye Tuesday Shirt



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Raise365



Silent Auction



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January	February	March	April	May
9th- First Day Back 10th- STEAM Day 13th-Code Ninja Fundraiser 15th- MLK Jr. Holiday 25th- PTO Meeting @9:30 26th- SPIRIT DAY 31st- Center Court Fundraiser @ 11am-9:30pm	9th- Spirit Store Cafeteria Sales 14th- Valentine's Class Party @2-2:45 19th- Student Holiday/Teacher PL 22nd- Open House/Book Fair Night 23rd- Go Texan & Spirit Day 23rd-Mar 1st- Book Fair 24th-Color Run & Silent Auction Kick-Off 24th-Mar 8th- Silent Auction 24th-Mar 9th- Raise 365 Fundraiser 29th- PTO Meeting @9:30	1st- Book Fair Ends 7th-8th- Field Days 8th- Silent Auction Ends 11th-15th- SPRING BREAK 20th-21st- Spring Picture Day 22nd- Teacher Treat Day 28th- PTO Meeting @9:30 28th- SPIRIT DAY & Spirit Store Cafeteria Sales 29th- School Holiday/Teacher PL	19th- Student Holiday/Teacher PL-District Wide Serve Day 25th- PTO Meeting @9:30 (Elections & Gift to School) TBD- Field Trips TBD- Volunteer Appreciation Event/End of Year Class Socials (6 events) TBD- STAAR Testing & Card My Yard	6th-10th- Teacher Appreciation Week 7th(Tentative)- PTO Teacher Appreciation Lunch 16th- PTO Officer/Chair Transition Meeting @9:30 23rd- Last Day of School/Early Dismissal @12:05 & Card My Yard