

Spencer Elementary



Spencer PTO Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

Board Members Present:

Jen Lumsden	Nicole McGee	Amber Gaines
Jacquelyn Turkovich	Tiffanie Winnie	Colleen Gaiefsky
Anna Gibson		

Staff Members Present:

Jenny Sobolevski	Melanie Hukkala	Chelsea Boyd
Tammy Ferguson	Cindy Kahl	

Parents Present:

Sarah Mushong	Leeanna Bosch	
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General Discussion:

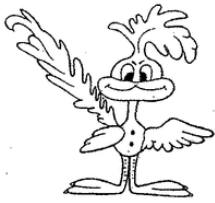
- Sorting t-shirts and delivering to classrooms after the meeting
- Family Picnic Recap
 - Roughly 550 hotdogs served; estimated 450-500 people in attendance
- New Lost & Found cabinet is now in place!
- Playground Equipment: we have a new playground equipment storage bin next to the new lost & found. Once it's mounted to the wall, we will stock it.
 - Teachers can put their bags of stuff into the bin if they'd like.
- Roadrunner Run
 - Event will be held Friday, 10/13/23, rain or shine! Dress appropriately.
 - Stations: Bubbles, noise making, cheer leading, light saber tunnel, foam
 - There will be a "cautious" lane for students who want to opt out of the mess/noise
 - We also have a DJ for the day.
 - Still shy of our goal, but we are confident we'll make it by Friday - still send in donations ASAP



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- \$4K away from goal, \$2K away from slime
- Goal/Prize Levels
 - \$5,000 - PJ Day
 - teachers suggested Tuesday before Thanksgiving
 - \$7,500 - Extra Recess Day
 - \$10,000 - Hats and Flair Day
 - \$15,000 - Playground Party at lunch recess
 - \$20,000 - Slime Mrs. Boyd!!!
 - question: can this be livestreamed?
 - \$22,000 - Ultimate fundraising goal
- Will assign dates for all the above soon – likely to be on upcoming Fridays
- Discussion about future runs
 - Have we thought about a Color Run? Yes, we have before. We can continue to think it through.
 - There are concerns about the mess, especially on the buses going home. And it would interfere with our current “rainbow” of student shirts that come out. Pros of our current run: all students participate, class color shirts
 - Should we try individual prizes next year?
 - Discussion of ideas for prizes for individuals or top 3-5 fundraisers. Many, though, like the way we do it, as it is a common goal for classrooms and the school. It has a family/community feel. Our current set-up honors the way we are as a Spencer community.
- Before the next PTO meeting
 - Roadrunner Run
 - First family dine-out: Applebee’s in Howell 10/19 from 4-9pm
 - Trunk or Treat, 10/26 from 6-8pm - need candy donations!
 - PTO Student Book
 - Continuing discussion about this practice.
 - Suggestions for Google Form for parents to choose or classroom sets that pair with units.
 - PTO will continue to discuss, as the goal of this was to get books in the hands of all kids (esp. for those who don’t have big libraries at home) and increase excitement over books and reading overall. Seems like it may have run its course. May be able to spend the money on something more meaningful.



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- Continue Passive Fundraising (Kroger, Box Tops, Mabel's Labels, Dine Out Nights)
- Upcoming Events
 - 10/13 Roadrunner Run
 - 10/19 Jen is working on getting a Coffee Cart for teachers/staff for this date
 - 10/19 Applebee's Dine-Out Night, 4-9pm
 - 10/26 Halloween Event, 6-8pm (set-up begins at 5)
 - will have food trucks to buy dinner!
 - 11/9 MOD Pizza Dine-Out
 - 11/14 PTO Meeting, 4pm (childcare provided)
 - 11/15 Airborne Family Night, 6-8pm
 - it's a fundraiser if we reach a threshold of students (think it's 100)
 - Suggestion to have staff vs. students dodgeball - PTO will work on setting this up! (maybe PTO vs. staff, too)
- Parent Request: Can we get a microwave in the lunchroom?
 - Concerns about lines, mess, food safety issues – but ultimately, this is not a PTO decision, but rather a building decision.
- The new sign should hopefully be installed by the end of October.
- Large item idea for the future (Jen): playground turf
 - If you have other ideas, please share!

Treasurer's Report:

- The PTO Manager Program was updated. Anna needs to redo things she already did, so she doesn't have the usual printout.
- We have about \$27K in checking and a CD that's earning 5%.
- T-shirts: a lot of people didn't pay this year (we are about \$1400 short on t-shirts than what was budgeted)
- Teachers: reminder to submit reimbursements through the new Google Doc
 - teachers report the new form works great

Principal's Report: