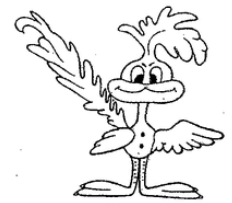


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## Spencer PTO Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

### ***Board Members Present:***

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

### ***Staff Members Present:***

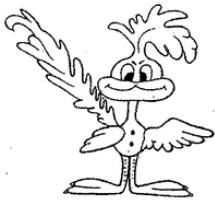
Bridgette Jastrzebski	Barb Copenhaver	Bonnie Muszynski
Liz Urso	Chelsea Boyd	

### ***Parents Present:***

Tiffany Carbone	Emma Baird	Leeanna Brosch
Jodi Ross		

### ***General Discussion:***

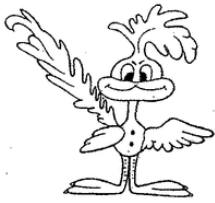
- PTO Board member introductions
  - Jen Lumsden - President; Amber Gaines - Co-VP; Tiffanie Winnie - Co-VP; Anna Gibson - Treasurer; Jacquelyn Turkovich - Secretary; Nicole McGhee - Member at Large; Colleen Gaiefsky - Member at Large
- This is Jen's and Anna's last year, so we will need a new President and Treasurer next year!
  - Please let us know if you're interested! It would be helpful to start getting new volunteers up to speed throughout the year.
- What does PTO do?
  - Fundraising, staff appreciation, family events, books for students, assemblies, building enhancements, class t-shirts
- Already this year, PTO has...
  - Provided teachers and staff with back-to-school breakfast, goodie bag, and coffee.
  - Ordered a new electronic sign for out front. This has been in the works for years, but it could not be ordered until the parking lot was done.



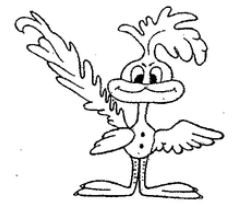
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- Ordered a new Lost & Found cabinet. It will have a bar for hanging items, shelving, and bins for lunch boxes/water bottles. This will hopefully be more organized and weatherproof, but we will still need parent volunteers throughout the year to help keep it organized.
- Also ordered a deck-type storage bin for school sets of balls/playground equipment.
- Starting collecting sponsorships for the class t-shirts. Effort began in July; we currently have 18 sponsors.
- T-shirt Orders
  - All students get a shirt regardless of ability to pay, but please still turn in a form. This helps us order the correct size. You can use the paper *or* the [online form](#) – do not need to do both.
  - If ordering online, please be sure to click through to do the PayPal payment at the end.
- Blessings in a Backpack - all PTOs have contributed this year.
  - There is a runway show at the Brighton Lighthouse this weekend if anyone is interested.
- [Cutting Edge Fundraiser](#) a portion of the sales come back to the PTO. Runs through 10/1.
- Using 2022-23 surplus, purchased a new clavinoia for the music room. The piano that was in there was original to the building! How do we know? Ms. Muszynski has the tuning records!
- What else to expect this year:
  - 50th year celebrations! Every year, the PTO comes up with a theme. In Honors of Spencer's 50th, this year's theme is *Roadrunners Celebrate!* This theme will often tie-in to things we do throughout the year.
  - Plenty of volunteer opportunities! All opportunities to volunteer for PTO events (or donate items, like candy for the Halloween event) will come out through Sign-Up Genius (SUG). They'll be posted in The Spencer Scoop and on the PTO Facebook page.
  - Monthly family events.
    - First one is Family Picnic on 9/27. See more details in upcoming events (below).
  - T-shirt organization and distribution is planned for 10/11 (to be worn at Roadrunner Run on 10/13). We will need volunteers. SUG will be posted on FB and in The Scoop.
  - Passive Fundraising
    - The easiest and our biggest earner is [Kroger Community Rewards](#). If you haven't signed up, please do!



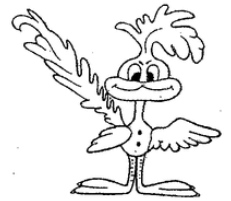
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- [Box Tops](#) - we used to earn around \$1000, now we are lucky to hit \$500. Download the app and scan all paper and digital receipts. Even when you don't have a Box Tops item on the receipt, you can enter to win money for the school, and sometimes they have promotions where you get bonus box tops just for trying.
- [Mabel's Labels](#): gives 20% back! Laundry and dishwasher safe labels; great for identifying all those things that end up in lost & found.
- Dine-out nights: we periodically have dine-out nights at local restaurants that give a portion of the profits back to the PTO.
  - First one is 10/19 at Applebee's in Howell
- [Cutting Edge Fundraiser](#) a portion of the sales come back to the PTO. Runs through 10/1.
- If you know of other passive fundraising opportunities, please let us know!
- Book of the Month Discussion
  - In 2019-20, the PTO began purchasing a book of the month for every student in the school. Prices increased a little last year, but have skyrocketed this year. Discussed options.
  - PTO suggested doing 4 or 5 books throughout the year, but also asked for feedback.
  - Suggested by Ms. Copenhaver to just do 1 book for trimester. This would mean we could spend up to \$5/book per student.
  - Suggested by Ms. Urso to allow students to choose the book.
  - Decision to do 1 book per trimester; PTO will email teachers to determine which classes/grades want students to choose their book or if they want the same book for all students in the class/grade.
- Upcoming Events
  - 9/15 - Andy J. Pizza author event for K-2
  - 9/18 - 9/22 - Pink Week (district wide event)
    - Spencer will be participating in Coin Wars and the Pink Out (wear pink) on Friday.
    - Spencer brought in the most money last year (a little over \$5000) that PTO hand-rolled. We will not be rolling coins this year; we will take to Coin Star (or a Credit Union)
    - Money raised goes to charity, decided by district leadership team.
    - Other events are:
      - 9/18 @ 7pm Powderpuff game at BHS
      - 9/20 @ 5:15 (register)/6pm (start) Pink Run at BHS
      - 9/21 @ 6pm Brighton Idol at Millpond
      - 9/21 from 3-8pm Shopping for a Cause in Downtown Brighton



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- 9/22 @ 7pm Pink Out Football game at BHS - haircuts for a cause at the game; Survivor Walk at halftime
- Book Fair - the previous dates (9/25-29) are no longer correct. Ms. McBride will let us know new details.
- 9/27 Family Picnic from 6-7:30pm
  - Join us for hotdogs, chips, water, balloon animals, and music on the playground! In the event of rain, we'll move to the gym.
  - Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts also planning to have informational tables.
- [Cutting Edge Fundraiser](#) Runs through 10/1.
- 10/5 Picture Day
- 10/13 Roadrunner Run
- 10/19 Dine-to-Donate Night @ Applebee's in Howell, 4-9pm
- 10/26 Family Halloween event (Trunk-or-Treat) - more info to come!
- TBD Family Night at Airbone

## ***Treasurer's Report:***

- Motion by Anna Gibson to move \$40K to a CD for 5 months. 2nded by Nicole McGhee. All in favor. This is estimated to make us \$821.
- Budget approval

## ***Principal's Report:***

- Nothing to report.