

Peck Place School PTO Agenda
January 12th, 2022
7pm-Zoom

1. Call to Order/ Pledge

2. Minutes from the November 2021 meeting will be reviewed. If anyone has questions or concerns, please email Katie Scheibel (kate.scheibel@gmail.com). 1. Rozina Jaser 2. Rabia Deura 15_yea_20 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

3. Principal's Report- Happy New Year!

- It's great to see everyone back at school and they continue to follow mitigation measures. The first day back on 1/3 teachers brought their students outside to eat lunch with their cushions as the weather was warm enough for them to do so. There were some parents unhappy with that decision but every decision is a balancing act. This option made it possible for fewer students to be notified of having to quarantine after some tested positive.
- At the last Board of Ed meeting they discussed that renovations will be coming to Peck Playground, more information to come.
- There is a change in quarantine days. 5 days from onset of symptoms or a positive test. There will also be changes to remote check in as quarantining days are decreased. They are utilizing those teachers within the buildings as substitutes. Work will be provided to students to complete depending on how they are feeling, but teachers will work with students on catching them up when they return to school.
- Next year is almost halfway done of this academic year, and mid year assessments/ benchmarking begins. This is done to look for regression and help get students on track. There will then be a SRBI meeting to look at the students who may benefit from more support.
- Thank you Dawn for organizing Adopt a Reader, it was a success. The students and teachers loved it.

4. Officer's Reports

- President's Report -
 - Thank you to our families for their generosity during the holidays. We hosted a breakfast for the staff with donated items. All non-classroom teacher staff members received a \$25 gift card, specialists received a \$50 gift card, and room parents coordinated gifts for classroom teachers. We received many thank you notes from staff members.
 - Pajama Drive was a huge success! We collected 70 pairs of pajamas and will be shipping them out to the Pajama Program later this week. Scholastic Book Clubs will match our donations and provide a book to go with each pair of pajamas.
- Vice President's Report- Thank you everyone who has already stepped up and Volunteered, if you have signed up for events please keep an eye out for more information.
- Treasurer's Report-We purchased a new Laminating Machine for \$395 as a gift for the school.
 - The membership total does not include \$430 dollars yet to be deposited
 - I have contacted Robert Taylor to inquire about a commission check we did not receive last year.
 - We have not yet received a commission check for Square 1 Art - Anastasia has been in contact with them and we should have those totals on next month's report
 - Please submit your expenses or money received for any events/committees as quickly as possible. The Reimbursement Form can be found in the Peck Place Virtual Backpack on

the OESS web site. You can return to school to my attention via Mia Quoka, in Mrs. Wolfe's class.

- We would like to amend the 2021-2022 school year budget to add a line item for Room Parent Reimbursement. There will be a vote next month if everyone is in agreement.
- Parliamentarian Report- Thank you to all those who volunteered for Adopt a Reader. We will be having another virtual one again in March/ April. If you would like to participate please don't hesitate to reach out.
- Secretary Report- We are continuing to accept memberships and send out PTO directories, which is free to all paying members this year. If you would like to sign up please reach out.
- Board of Ed Report- No Updates at this time.

5. Committee Reports / Updates

- Art Goes to School- There was an email sent out last week, the bins and supplies are ready to go. There are parent volunteers for all classes, they just have to coordinate a date with the teachers. Parent Volunteers do not have to be vaccinated, but do have to show a negative test. There will be one project in Jan/ Feb and a second one in March/ April.
- Room Parent Fund - Room parents are often asked to provide materials for crafts/games during class parties. Parents provide donations but room parents are often purchasing materials on their own. We are proposing adding a line item to the budget so that room parents can submit for reimbursement for these purchases. The board is proposing allotting \$50 per class per year, which would be \$950 total.
- Hike Challenge - This was a huge success last March. Students would go to the 5 hiking trails in Orange and find the Peck Place School Sign, take a selfie with it and email it in. If you completed all hiking trails, you were eligible to win a prize. They discussed having this year's prize be a dip top gift card. Last year 15 families completed the challenge and 3 families won.
- My Guy and I/ Sweetheart Activities- There was a discussion about different activities and changing the name to be inclusive of all pronouns. There were discussions about different outdoor venues to hold the events. Sweetheart Dance is anticipated to be at a farm in May. My Guy & I discussed snow tubing or an Olympic Sport Night. The chairs will coordinate to ensure no overlap.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business - None

8. Announcements - None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned 7:48pm 1. Rozina Jaser 2. Shannon Legault