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## **Captain PTO Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2023

**Called to order at:** 7:03PM

**Attendees:**

Lee Johnson, Abby Goldstein, Mary Kaiser, Jennifer Martin, Katie Huffman, Allyson and Dan Lavender, Allison Reichart, Eileen McGaughey, Christine Johnson, Betsy Meyland-Smith

**Meeting Recording:**

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**Meeting Summary**

**1. Welcome**

- Voting process: use "thumbs up" reaction for yes and "x" or "thumbs down" reaction for nay

**2. Introductions**

- Round robin introductions with icebreaker: 3 words you would use to describe Captain elementary
  - Words included: open, intimate, friendly, caring, nurturing, friendly, compassionate, inclusive, student-centered, energetic, connected, accessible, curious, compassionate, community

**3. Urgent Business**

- Vote on minutes from February's meeting (approved)

**4. Principal's Report**

- Thank you to Genevieve Caffrey for preparing and co-facilitating our book study.
  - The date was Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 at Blueberry Hill in the Pac Man room.
  - The book was "A young people's history of the USA," revised edition (2023 edition).
  - It was a rich discussion and we included a parent from Meramec as well.
  - We are eager to embark on another group experience.
  - Thank you to PTO for making this possible.
- Spring conferences
  - Sign up with your classroom teacher for zoom or in-person based on your preference.
- Staff update
  - Mrs. O'Day, a Kindergarten teacher, is retiring this year as planned.
  - Ask the PTO to consider how to support and celebrate her.
  - She'll be relocating back to Canada with her husband, where she is from.
- Community teams are tomorrow
  - Reminder for students to wear their t-shirt or team color.
  - Each month the focus is on a different profile of the graduate.
  - Cultural competency is tomorrow and what it means for elementary students and how we build this; part of this is how we learn about others.

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- Part of how we develop this competency is to learn from others, as such we are fortunate to have several Captain parents coming to talk about their home countries, what their schooling was like, their path to their career, etc. We are very excited to welcome these guests, please ask your child(ren) about it and what they learned.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

- Fiscal year 2022, focus on February activity – group reviewed.

### **6. President's Report**

- April 20<sup>th</sup>- first in person PTO meeting in recent times, please help us ensure for a great turn out!
- We are working on filling positions for executive board as well as other committees.
  - We will share this information at the trivia night also.

### **7. Fundraising Update**

- Trivia with silent auction on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Center of Clayton with beach theme
  - We are finalizing donations for the silent auction
  - We have room for about 5 more tables, share with your friends and encourage more sign-ups!
  - All are welcome to help with planning in terms of set up, clean up, donating items for the auction, etc. Contact Allison Reichart if you're interested.
  - Each grade level will have something to contribute to the auction, such as gift baskets, etc.
  - Drinks will be available for purchase and you're welcome to bring your own food and drinks.
- For the holiday sing we will trial the priority seating as a raffle this year.
- Check out Captain PTO on Instagram for regular updates!

### **8. New Business**

- This is Captain's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have decided to celebrate this year on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and the theme will be nostalgic Carnivale with old-fashioned games and prizes, such as ring toss, etc.
- We are brainstorming how to connect current grade level curriculum that are around number 50 and/ or the year 1973.
- Planning to display the student's artwork, etc.
- A few ideas we'd like to move forward with that have expenses associated with them include popcorn and cotton candy machines and dunk tank.
  - We will offset some of the cost with universal tickets that can be used for games and food, etc.
  - We are asking for the PTO to consider funding \$500 for these types of expenses and we'll vote on this during off-cycle meeting at 3:35 at Captain science lab on March 16<sup>th</sup> and will provide a zoom link.
  - Dr. Martin will also mention in the Captain's Log this weekend to increase awareness of the ask.

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*Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM*

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