

PTO Meeting Agenda

February 26th, 2020 8:40am

1. **Guest Speaker:** Marci Ortiz, Director of the D105 Connection Center.
Ms. Ortiz shared the history of the center. The Connections Center started in 2016 at the former Lenzi apartments in Hodgkins primarily for academic support. Once it closed, the previous Ideal principal started the center in Countryside. In this school year, little funding came from title money. As a result, the center will have to close earlier. Thanks to a \$2500 donation, the center will stay open until May 15th. Ms. Ortiz also shared that it is her goal to have the center open year round. There are a minimum of 40 students there per day. When the center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, various activities occur: makerspace, adult education (English language classes), open gym, tutoring and a gameroom. MS. PONCKEZ, the PTO PRESIDENT, surprised Ms.Ortiz with a check for that would fund the center. The PTO's check was for the full amount of \$16000 dollars.

2. **Mr. Lawson's School Update**

Week of March 2nd:

3-4: Cultural Arts Assembly: Amelia Earhart (courage is the theme) in the afternoon

Morning: Leadership leaders will be in the classrooms that the morning

3-6: 5th and 6th grades will have their Sock hop from 7-9 PM

Look for parent communication on ACES. Hoping to schedule a meeting before Spring Break. One item of business is the CARE Closet--looking for a new topic for the spring.

Australian Wildfire Fundraiser: a 4th grader wanted to help donate to Australia. This student and his friends collected \$853.93. A video will be posted on Ellen's GO Fund Me page.

Writing Festival is coming up soon. A new format was created so more participants could be involved and share their work.

3. **Stacey Ponczek-President**

- D105 PTO Presidents Meeting Update-each PTO will have their own 501c3. Current PTO president (Jessica Eterno) will help the other schools with this process.
- Spring PTO Community Donation Recap: fund local organizations too: LTHS After Prom (\$100), D105 Foundation (6K), Gurrie PTO (6K), And Connections Center (16K)
- 2020/2021 Volunteer Recruiting Underway- volunteer survey going out soon. Need positions for Secretary and VP of Ways and Means executive board positions to be filled.
- Parent Suggestions for funds raised--look for survey coming out soon.

3. **Committee Updates:**

A. Heidi Brock, VP Ways and Means

- *Adult Social & Silent Auction Recap: 175 ppl attended. Approximately 30K was raised that night. Two of the big money makers were "Principal for the Day" and "AP for the Day"*
- *Trivia Night (Sheila Bryck & Paula Strozak) coming Friday, April 17th*
- *Flying High Fundraiser Friday April 10th, 12-3p--this is a non-attendance day for students*
- *Box Tops (Stacey Ponczek)- spring drive deadline is March 13th. You can download the app as well: BTFE is the app.*

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B. Jami Buttron, First VP

- *Valentine's Day Parties- Thank you party volunteers and Holiday Treats Committee*
- *SPTO Scholarship update (Michelle Sanchez & Elizabeth Carolann). Deadline in March. Scholarships will be given to one boy and one girl winner.*
- *Run Club- chair needed for Spring season. Still looking for volunteers to host Run Club. Still in the process of exploring schedules for 2 parents each day Running Club is offered.*

C. Lori Cassidy, VP Programs

- *Variety Show, Friday, February 28th at 7p.*
- *Cultural Arts Assembly (Patty Sarkady) March 4th, Amelia Earhart.--*
- *Fun Lunch (Michelle Sanchez, Ramya Tallarovic & Bridget Machalinski) Noodles & Co. new date will be March 13th.*
- *5th/6th Grade Sock Hop March 6th- permission slips went home this week. Volunteers are needed for this event, especially for check in.*
- *Fun Fair (Maureen Bresnahan & Megan Muscato), April 24th, 6-8p. Communication will go out to parents about volunteer opportunities.*

4. Treasurer's Report- Becki Sand

- *Advisory Committee (Jenn Enriquez, Ramya Tallarovic, Jill Corbet & Elizabeth Badrov) update. Committee is still in the process of organizing the PTO in a way that reflects current financials (non-profit EIN, then 501c3 status). All of this should be completed by the next PTO meeting.*

5. Secretary Report- Virginia Kogen: LTHS PARENT COUNCIL thank you for the \$100 donation.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 28- Variety Show, 7p
- Mar. 4- Cultural Arts Assembly
- Mar. 6- 5th/6th Grade Sock Hop, 7-9p
- Mar. 9- 4th-6th Grade Music Concert, 6:30p
- Mar. 10- K-3rd Music Concert Night, 6:30p
- Mar. 11- Kindergarten Registration Night, 6:30p
- Mar. 13- Fun Lunch
- Mar. 17- No School, District Institute Day
- Mar. 23-27 Spring Break
- Apr. 17- Trivia Night
- Apr. 6- 6th Grade Gurrie Orientation
- April 10th- No School, Flying High 12-3p
- April 16th, Family Literacy Night, 6-7p

Next PTO Meeting is Thursday, April 16th at 5pm

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Thank you Volunteers:

- *Valentine's Day Party Room Parents and Volunteers (and Jami for keeping it all organized).*
- *Liz Hamilton, Lauren Nelson & Vickie Rennick for Math & Science Night.*
- *Michelle Sanchez, Ramya Tallarovic & Bridget Machalinski for Fun Lunch.*
- *All of our Adult Social Volunteers: Kristy Kail, Ann Potter, Colleen Garbe, Becky Dubois, Bridget Machalinski, Bridget Lacey, Natalie Robinson, Molly Price, Maura Naddy, Cheryl Brown, Monica Villarreal, Kathleen Kress and Amy Bailey. Special thank you to Heidi Brock for overseeing all of the social committee details.*
- *Jesse Mraz for organizing soup lunches for teachers on conference days.*
- *Sarah Peto & Kate Gilmartin for keeping us informed on the website and with e-blasts.*
- *Michelle Michelini, Lucas Michelini & Angie Lally for After 3.*
- *Keri Tyrell, Liz Hamilton & Monica Villarreal for holiday treats.*
- *Amy Rosckes for organizing library volunteers.*
- *Ali Green for organizing Art Awareness lessons and volunteers.*
- *Nick Bailey, Vinay Mullick & Sarah Michaelson for organizing retail fundraising events*