

## PTO Minutes

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Start Time: 6:03 pm



## Opening Prayer

### Welcome PTO Officers/Introductions

- President- Ashley Felmlee
- VP- Jen Zielinski
- Treasurer- Lindsey Walters
- Secretary- Chelsea Vermeesch
- Fundraising Coordinator/Back-up Treasurer- Lisa Shaw
- Volunteer/Misc Role - Laura Bourdow

### Teacher Updates/Introductions

- Lara Polzin- Preschool: Getting used to routine, schedule and falling in love with learning. Purchase of Melissa & Doug sets for creative play (Christmas & Dentist), and other curriculums with PTO funds.
- Jane Guse - Y5/K: A great group of kids, who are social – demonstrating grit and determination in a really positive way. Thanks to PTO for the funds for the classroom redo, and welcome basket.
- Andrea Dent/Hannah Doan - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Completed Math NWEA test today. Still getting used to the routine, familiar with specials and classroom conduct. PTO funds were used to make curtains, “Dojo Dollar Store” items, and tabletop laminator.
- Rachel Abraham/Valerie Matyas - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4: Thanks for PTO donations for headphones, splitters, whiteboards, and organization. RED Field trip tomorrow. New TCI curriculum focused on learning regions of the U.S. Welcomed 4 new students this year. Mrs. Matyas used the PTO donations to purchase book bins, clips boards, bulletin boards.
- Justin Garcia- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>: PTO donations used to remodel classroom to accommodate 27 students (up from 13); 16 5<sup>th</sup> graders/11 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Learning how to do things efficiently vs. quickly, and learning new schedules (with close partnership with Mrs. Wyman). NWEA testing this week (completed Math today, reading tomorrow, and language on Thursday).
- Kelly Wyman- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>: Purchase of laminating machine and supplies with PTO funds. 18 students this year (9 7<sup>th</sup> graders & 9 8<sup>th</sup> graders) – including 6 new students. 3 math classes are being taught again this year (including Math 9 – Algebra). American history is another focus this year.
- School Update - Valerie Matyas: With increased enrollment, looking at adding some staff (i.e., another kitchen cook and school receptionist (in October)). Partnering with ParentPulse for accreditation (to facilitate parent surveys specific for Lutheran schools). Board of Ed paid for this tools. Three surveys sent via email throughout the year (starting in October).

**Treasurer’s Report-** Balance as of May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$16,893.72. We had expenses for Dry Dock, Race for Athletics, Rec Support – Track Shirts, New Teacher Gifts, First Day of School Sign, Teacher Support for 2024-2025 School year. Income coming in was Dry Dock Earnings and Kona Fundraisers for May and June. Current ending balance as of 9/3/2024 is \$15,967.58.

### Old Business

- May 2024 Run for Athletics - Raised a total of: \$4,464.00 as a dedicated fundraiser. Funds have been dispersed to the school and spent on the Mascot and other items for Athletics.
- June 2024 Dry Dock Update - Raised a total of: \$5,834.97
- May and June Kona Ice Fundraisers - Raised a total of \$198.82

## New Business

- Discussion on 2024-2025 School Needs:
  - Purchase Middle School Current Events Game News Break License (approx.. \$300)
    - Move to Discussion/Vote: Shasta Duffy
    - Second: Mary Gettel
    - Vote: All in favor
  - Potential to increase teacher yearly gift (currently \$250) – target vote for the April meeting to prep for 2025-2026 school year.
- Discussion on Parent Education needs
  - Wellspring Counseling (with Elizabeth) – either for St. Paul PTO or other PTO sponsored event
  - Animal Shelter Director (friend of Lara Polzin) – how families can get involved to help the community
  - Can we learn from “Blue Book for Volunteers”? (e.g., potential Career Day type opportunities, or who else we might contact/who might be willing to help from the church?)
- Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:
  - **September 20, 2024** - Kona Ice Fundraiser at St. Paul after School; 30% of sales that day will be donated to the PTO
  - **October 7th, 2024** - Pierce Rd Bar and Grille Fundraiser; 15% of *food sales* that evening will be donated to the PTO. *Flyers will be in the School Newsletter and sent home on the day of the event. You must present paper flyer.*
  - **October 17, 2024** - Pastries with Parents - Join the PTO in the Gym at 7:15 for Pastries and Fellowship. ***Available Thrivent grant would be appreciated; please let PTO know.***
  - **October 18, 2024** - Kona Ice Fundraiser at St. Paul after School; 30% of sales that day will be donated to the PTO
  - **November 12, 2024** - Chipotle Fundraiser from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Saginaw location; 25% of sales will be donated to the PTO. Flyers will be in the School Newsletter and sent home on the day of the event.
  - **December 12 and 13, 2024** - Holly Jolly Christmas Store; watch for more information in an upcoming School Newsletter. ***Invitation for new or gently used items (and wrapping supplies) will be coming soon.***
  - **April 10, 2024** - Pastries with Parents - Join the PTO in the Gym at 7:15 for Pastries and Fellowship.
  - **May 22, 2025** - Race for Funds - Students will raise money and race for a specific fundraising focus area. Prior years have been for Reading and Athletics. Our 2025 Race focus area will be determined in a future PTO meeting.
- Additional fundraiser ideas: please let the PTO know.

## Facebook:

If you haven't already, please join our Facebook page for important updates: **St. Paul Frankenlust PTO**

## Next Meeting:

November 13th, 2024

## Raffle Ticket Drawing

## Closing Prayer

End Time: 6:32 p.m.