

PVMS PTO Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

Attendance: Heather Helwig, Laurie Orduna, Nicole DesRoiser, Ray Bernier, Mariah Hornsby, Patty Riley, Susan Strader, Dea Vernott, & Melissa Lennon

1. ***October Meeting Minutes*** – posted online

2. ***Treasurer's Report***

We are in good standing.

- Penny Wars - \$1500
- Book Fair - \$1000
- African Dance Assembly - \$400
- Ned - \$80

3. ***Principal's Report***

- Ned Show – Thank you to the PTO parents who helped sell \$1,500 worth of yo-yos
- African Dancers – Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event
 - The 4th & 5th graders also had the dancers visit the classrooms to share with students their lifestyle/culture
- Fire Safety Day was last week
 - Fire Department brought a fire truck and an ambulance
- Trunk-or-Treat is coming October 26th
- Veterans Day Assembly will be November 9th
- We are re-enrolled with the Stop & Shop program

4. ***Program Reports***

- Amazon Smile – Nicole DesRosier
 - Receive a check quarterly
 - People are using it; sent information to the Town Hall and Library as well to encourage others to use it
 - Last check was about \$80
- Big Y Education Express – Nicole DesRosier
 - PVMS is enrolled in this program now as well
 - Families must enroll
- Box Tops – Sarah Burton
 - September – 1,486 Box Tops collected
 - September Top Student - Aubree Shifflett with 98 Box Tops
 - September Top Class – Miss Abbot's First Grade with 398 Box Tops
- Crayola Colorcycle – Heather Helwig
 - The bin is nearly full; will get it ready for mailing
- Great Lakes Scrip – Melissa Lennon
 - Special order forms will be sent home in November and again in December
- Shop & Stop A+ Rewards – Nicole DesRosier
 - Mr. Bernier enrolled the school in the program again

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- Shop Rite For My School – Sarah Burton
 - Families enrolling in this program allow bonus Box Tops to be credited to the school account
 - Families must enroll

5. *Event Planning*

- Spirit Wear (October 5th & October 19th)
 - T-shirt orders have closed; did order extra t-shirts
 - Sweatshirt & hat orders still open through October 19th
- Family Fun Night: Trunk-or-Treat (October 26th)
 - 5th Grade Fundraiser – Food booth to sell hot soups, dishes, and beverages
 - All the Right Moves dancers will be attending again
 - Need trunk decorators – sign-up online through Parks & Rec
 - Short on candy so far due to the postponed date for the corn maze due to rain
 - Hay Ride
 - Hidden Acres will donate the use of their hay ride
 - Will have both a scary ride and a non-scary ride
 - Need people to decorate the walking track for this event, no interest as of yet
 - Need decorations for the track – in the past, there have been four stations along the track
 - PTO will purchase animatronics, not to exceed \$1000
 - Perhaps reach out to Boy Scouts to make coffins that can be stored and reused yearly as well as ask Preston City Congregational Youth Group if they might be interested in overseeing the event
- Veterans Day Assembly (November 9th) – Mariah Hornsby
 - Making plans with the teachers and Ray for the assembly
 - Silver Dolphins (Navy) Flag Team will be coming
 - Will honor Navy who served 50 or more years ago
 - PVMS Veterans are invited to attend
 - Will offer refreshments for veterans afterwards
- Family Fun Night: Family Dance (November 16th) – Heather Helwig
 - DJ has been booked
 - \$250
 - Admission/Give Back - items to send with a newly deploying Navy unit
- Thanksgiving Baskets (November 19th) - Dea Vernott
 - Heather will send letters to companies asking for donations
 - Will assemble the Thanksgiving baskets during the PTO meeting on November 19th
- Winter Door Decorating Contest (November 30th/December 3rd)

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- Doors need to be completed prior to Conferences on December 5th
- Two impartial people will be selected to vote
- December Family Fun Night: Craft Fair (December 7th)– Patty Riley
 - Mystic Village Lighting event will be the same night
 - Patty will send out requests to vendors soon.
- Conferences & Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch (December 5th)
 - Cater lunch to both schools
 - Susan Strader requested the food selected be more protein based and less carb based
 - Families will be asked to donate drinks, dessert, and fruit

6. *Old Business*

- Square One Art
 - In process
 - The artwork will be shipped to the company next week
 - Parents will receive the proofs soon
- Scholastic Book Fair (September 17-21)
 - Went very well
 - Was helpful to have Grandparents Lunch during the book fair
 - We were able to donate a lot of books to the teachers who made wish lists
- Grandparents Day Lunch (September 19th)
 - Went very well
 - Purchasing new tables was very helpful; will need four more for next year
 - Table cloths looked nice on the tables
 - Suggestion: consider hosting the lunch on a half day as some students have a difficult time returning to class after their grandparents have left
- Scarecrow Festival (September 22nd) – Heather Helwig
 - PTO submission: children playing tug-of-war
- Penny Wars (September 28th) – Laurie Orduna
 - \$1,500 was raised
 - Next year, Penny Wars may result in a staff member kissing a pig
- Family Fun Night (Postponed to October 7th) – Preston Farms Corn Maze
 - Despite being on a holiday weekend, 150 people attended
 - Next year, Jerry suggested to plan a week earlier or plan the Friday with Saturday as the rain date
- Fire Safety Day (October 9th)
 - Fire Department provided bags, hats, pens, etc. for students
 - Chief Casey and staff do a super job with the kids
- PTO Bulletin Board Update – Mariah Hornsby
 - Have had a good response so far, mainly from parents nominating staff

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- Will send home a monthly reminder
- Would like to encourage students to recognize students
- Book Bin – Heather Helwig
 - A new company just bought the bin and will be removing it soon
 - The new company accepts books by donation (not a fundraiser for the PTO), which is why the PTO will have it removed
- Painting Bathroom Stalls
 - Wanted to paint positive messages on the bathroom stalls
 - Need to talk with Mike House and Roy Seitsinger about this idea
 - Alternative: paint positive messages on the walls

7. New Business

- \$50 fee to maintain 501c3 status due in September
- PTO Today insurance due February
- Digital Sign for PVMS to advertise events in front of the school
 - Need to continue to look into this concept

8. Next Meeting: December 10, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in PVMS Art Room