



**Parent-Teacher Organization
Meeting NOTES**

May 8, 2023

In Person in Staff Lounge

1. Welcome & Roll Call

- a. President – Heather Farley - present
- b. Vice President – OPEN
- c. Treasurer – Brenda Wood - present
- d. Senior Party Treasurer – Stephanie Heiberg
- e. Secretary - OPEN
- f. Communications – Heather Farley
- g. Event Planner – Donnell Krueger
- h. Staff Appreciation – Sarah Fahning - present
- i. Staff Appreciation – Jeannie Welter
- j. Student Directory -Heather Farley
- k. Volunteer Coordinator – Stacey Koehler
- l. Website / Social Media– Julie Peyer - present

2. Approval of Minutes – ACTION ITEM

- a. April, 2023 (attached)

Motion to approve by Julie, seconded by Brenda. Motion passes.

3. Review Financial Reports – ACTION ITEM - Brenda and Stephanie

- a. 2022/2023 PTO Budget Report – Brenda will bring to Monday meeting.

Sitting with a healthy balance. However with fundraising down this year we may need to make different decisions on staff grant and teacher appreciation events for next year. We will do the Gertens fundraiser in the fall and start to make some decisions at our September meeting. Motion to approve by Heather, seconded by Julie. Motion passes.

4. Staff Appreciation – Sarah / Jeannie

- a. Thank you Sarah for doing Ice Cream Friday!
- b. Finalize Wingman Matt Info

Sarah is in contact with them. She will ask that we add the Teriyaki bowl to the options, giving us three meals, which will also cover vegetarian options. We will do the food truck from 11:30am-1:30pm on June 8th. Sarah will get the drinks and desserts to the school and contact facilities to get tables/chairs/garbage cans. Heather and Julie will come to set up, Sarah will be back for clean up. Sarah will also finalize when payment needs to be made and Brenda will facilitate.

- c. Conferences for Next Year
 - i. October 11, 2023 & October 16, 2023

We will do a lunch on the in person date for teachers. We can talk about vendor in our September meeting. We will discuss further teacher appreciation events once the school year starts.

- ii. December 14, 2023
- iii. February 29, 2024 & March 6, 2024

iv. May 8, 2024

Sarah will reach out to EverHealth to ask if they'd come in during Teacher Appreciation Week next school year, rather than in the fall.

5. Events

a. Ramp Up Days not yet scheduled. While not selling Directories we should still table. We will table at Ramp Up Days, and have Garten's to sell.

Survey results asked for an outdoor, weekday, with Administration event. We are planning to do such event at the in person fall conference date, and will bring in food trucks (Wingman Matt's and Mi Pueblo) to try to draw out parents who will already be at the school for conferences. Once we have the in person conference date we can start to plan more details.

6. Principal's Update – Nate Gibbs

Thank you, Nate, for joining us! We know you've had a challenging first year.

Nate gave us insight into the 5 Year Strategic Plan. Out of the planning sessions have come three areas of focus:

Wellness – Socially Connected, Emotionally Healthy, and Mental Health. They are adding a social worker to staff, and are looking for someone who has experience outside of strictly education to bring further real world experience.

Inclusion and Belonging – to School, Adults, and Students

Personalized & Authentic Learning – connections beyond the classroom

Nate also spoke about rumblings around using Ticketing at graduation. Would like us to help spread the word that this is strictly being used for planning purposes, not as an exclusion. All requests for additional tickets are being approved, but are being monitored to know if another area of the arena needs to be opened up. We are being purposeful with making this feel like an intimate experience, but want to be sure the space needed is opened and ready. Additionally, the schedule for Seniors is being finalized now. Looking like their last day will be June 7, but most finals will be done by the 6th. The reason for it being different this year is to ensure we hit the number of instructional hours necessary to meet requirements given by the state.

Red Cords - There has been community discussion around the red cords – are they here, are they not? Nate assures us that they are back this year, and he is making a policy recommendation that they be kept permanently.

7. Senior Party – Andrea / Stephanie

a. What challenges need to be addressed?

Julie got a question around yard signs. They were ordered last week, and plan to have in the next few weeks for distribution.

8. Website – Julie

Julie will be doing an update over the summer, which will include the new PTO logos we are getting from the district.

9. 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

a. September 11, 2023

b. October 9, 2023

- c. November 13, 2023
- d. January 8, 2024
- e. February 12, 2024
- f. March 11, 2024
- g. April 8, 2024
- h. May 13, 2024

This schedule is finalized. There will be some chatter in August when we know when Ramp Up Days are scheduled, as well as the Gerten's Fundraiser.

10. Other Business

- a. Planters – Sarah

Will update this week

- b. Dining For Dollars – Heather
 - i. Pei Wei – May 9

- c. Gerten's Fall Fundraiser – setup being completed – sell in August deliver in September

If this does well we may look at also doing the Holiday option.

- d. Who is planning to stay on for the next school year?

Heather, Brenda, Julie, and Stephanie will be on next year, and then will roll off for the 2024-25 school year. Is anyone else rolling off? We will start to solicit for the following Shadows to come on next year to assume the rolls in 24-25: President & Communications, Treasurer, Senior Party Treasurer, Website/Social Media, and Fundraising. We will take out Event Planning (this gets absorbed in the group), Student Directory (no longer doing), and Volunteer Coordinator (departments no longer need our help).

- e. Survey Results

In addition to the above mentioned event, having speakers was another popular ask. We will couple with Nate to bring back a session for Parents around Emotional Wellbeing. Brenda will reach out to Deb, Heather will contact Cornerstone and the Sheriffs (988 education) and we will have this event at some point next school year.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Heather, seconded by Brenda. Motion passes.