

# PTO Meeting Notes - 9/12/17

42 attendees

## Agenda:

Introduce the purpose of the PTO

Jenedee Canino- Family Liaison, volunteer coordinator, testing, etc.

- Volunteers for school please fill out a background check with school - needed every 2 years
- Volunteers needed now for picture day - concert day & multicultural days in the future

Jim Clark - Principal

- New Initiative at School - Every Student Every Day
  - Kids should be reading books that they like every day
  - Kids should be talking every day
  - Kids should be writing about things that are important to them every day
- The Building looks nice - We have 3 Building Engineers. Shelley-Head Engineer & 2 more custodians
- New Curriculum

Annual Budget - general overview of sources of income and where spending is allocated - Thaddeus Lesiak

- This year our total budget is \$53,560. This is more than doubled in the last 5 years with less total fundraisers. We are doing well with the fundraisers that we are doing!
- This year is approx \$5000 more than last year, we have 1 additional TA and we have added the expense of providing dinner at every PTO meeting

## TA update-

- 8 TAs will be coming - Purpose of a TA is to supplement our teachers & to provide a cultural experience for our kids and for the TA.
  - Raul & Sandra here already
  - Tatiana & Natalia - Columbia
  - Beatrice - Consular TA from Spain
  - Mariangel - Uruguay
  - Laura & Jeorgina from Spain

## Fall Events Overview

- Taste of Windom - Katie Anthony
  - School-wide potluck- October 6th from 5-7
  - Sign-up for planning committee & same day help - you will get a note in the correo and a link on facebook & email to sign-up - to help contact Katie Anthony [kanthony27@yahoo.com](mailto:kanthony27@yahoo.com)
- Fiesta - Anna Kruse or Heather Falsani
  - October 14th
  - Adults Only fundraiser
  - Can purchase tickets at school or online - link on FB page
  - Venezuelan Food Truck included in ticket price & cash bar at event
  - Opportunity to help - can use some volunteers to help the day of the event - [annakruse1219@gmail.com](mailto:annakruse1219@gmail.com), [heather.falsani@gmail.com](mailto:heather.falsani@gmail.com)
- Great Gatherings - Erin Tripolino
  - Outings for kids, families, adults & grade levels
  - Families or individuals host and donate the event. The price charged to the attendees goes to the Windom PTO. Always looking for more hosts!! We also have Thrivent funds that can help fund an event (up to \$250) if someone is interested in hosting a great gathering but doesn't have the funds to cover the expenses.
  - Sign-ups are at the Fiesta, if they do not fill up, you can sign-up after the Fiesta - grade level stay open
  - Looking for someone to jump in as co-chair with Erin to backfill Amy - [erintripolino@gmail.com](mailto:erintripolino@gmail.com)
- Coffee & Chocolates - Kerry Young
  - B&W Coffee & Abdalla Chocolate
  - Sale in October/November
  - Goods delivered in November - plenty of time for holiday gift giving!
  - Opportunity to help - can contact Kerry to help with collecting orders and then sorting and distributing when done - contact Kerry @ [kerry814@yahoo.com](mailto:kerry814@yahoo.com)
- Bravo - Rachel Darling

- Music Appreciation Program, mostly based in classical appreciation
- 6 classes during the year, can co-teach and split the year
- Training is provided, you do not need to know about music to teach this
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH- currently training is only in english, but classes can be presented in Spanish
- Contact Rachel Darling to volunteer [racheldarling@gmail.com](mailto:racheldarling@gmail.com)

Other matters-

Cafeteria Planning Update - Possibly beginning in the summer  
Budget voted on and approved

Katie Anthony - Dreamers/DACA proposal - how do we support families that are affected by the DACA rollback?

Orange ribbon stands for cultural diversity - would like to hand out ribbons to students and families at PTO events

Another question was raised if parents want to be a part of an organized group to support families - contact Katie kanthony27@yahoo.com