

Tara Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2108

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of the PTO Board
New Treasurer - Laura Bishop
3. Principal Introduction/Share
 - A. Bingo Night was a huge success, 1200 bingo cards sold and 25 pizzas.
 - B. Some Dads at the SAC meeting asked could there be more Dad oriented nights? SAC is heading that up.
 - C. We are currently at 731 students and have added one first grade teacher (Ms. Haygood). In the process of hiring another third grade teacher.
 - D. Directions for signing up to use FOCUS were available from Mrs Campbell and she offered to go over after the meeting.
4. Purpose of PTO
5. Budget Report
 - A. Current bank balance just under \$42K
 - B. \$19K to come out for Cookie Dough Fundraiser
6. Box Tops - Adrienne Eaton
 - A. We have collected 7000 Box Tops so far this year, on track for our 25,000 goal
 - B. Please remember to download and use the Box Tops app (on google play and istore)
 - C. Adrienne will have a trunk at Fall~O~Ween to publicize
7. Cookie Dough Fundraiser and Distribution Day
 - A. Goal met \$31, 036.50 (\$1300 more than 2017)
 - B. Tricky Dogs show to be held Nov 16th
 - C. Distribution Day October 18th. Volunteers needed from 1:00 to 7:00 pm (particularly 3:30 - 7:00) to unload truck, organize boxes and help families verify/receive orders. May possibly need help the following day depending on how many uncollected.
8. Prize Drive - October 1st through October 12th
 - A. Goal is to collect enough prizes to supply staff booths at Fall~O~Ween
 - B. Class with highest weight of items will win popcorn party with toppings
 - C. We have collected 136.5 lbs in two days
 - D. Mrs Campbell will announce top 3 classes to encourage competition
9. Book Fair
 - A. Begins Friday October 12th
 - B. Sarah Alfano will push sign up genius on facebook for volunteers
10. Fall~O~Ween Friday October 26th, 5pm - 7pm

- A. Cafeteria will have bake sale, concessions and music/dancing
 - B. Dance Team performing at 5:15 pm in Cafeteria
 - C. Games/Activity booths will be run by staff to earn classroom funds (please see Mrs. McGee by October 19th to sign up)
 - D. Trunk or Treat loop in front parking lot. If interested in a trunk for yourself or a business please let PTO know ASAP as spaces are limited and fill up fast. (\$10 per space, currently 12 of 40 spaces booked)
 - E. Decorations - Sarah Alfano is coordinating, she will have kits available by Friday Oct 5th for those volunteers who wish to help. These need to be returned by October 22nd to ensure time to hang them up.
 - F. Concessions - we are waiting to hear back from Wal-Mart re: hot dogs and Papa John's re: pizza
 - G. Trunk or Treat Entry Point - Mrs Campbell explained how the pallets used last year fell over (luckily the child was all right) and an alternate solution to clearly mark where the loop starts was brainstormed. It was determined that PTO funds would not allow an inflatable tunnel but that a 10x10 canopy would be borrowed from Jenni Dunlop and decorated for an entry tunnel.
 - H. Event Map? A question was raised about could we have a map available to families on the night. Mrs Chinault agreed to create one.
11. Spirit Nights
- A. Chick-Fil-A night netted \$347 (our highest amount there to date)
 - B. Menchie's Thursday October 4th, valid from noon to 8 pm, advertised as join us after school from 4-8 pm
 - C. Chuck E Cheese will be March 22nd from 3:00 - 9:00 pm. Any Staff showing their school ID will get free dinner. Students will be given a sticker to wear that earns them 10 free tokens.
12. Staff PTO Participation Incentive - Copy Money!
- A. Staff earn points monthly, one point = 50 copies
 - B. Staff must sign in to meeting/check in at Spirit Night/at Event to receive point
13. Adjournment/Next meeting/Group Photo
- A. Next meeting Tuesday November 6th at 6:30 pm, December events will be discussed
 - B. A brief PTO update will take place before the Holiday Show December 4th, no full PTO meeting that month
 - C. A group photo was taken for the PTO facebook page