

Tara Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2108

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of the PTO Board
3. Principal Introduction/Share
  - A. We are now 100% staffed, with just under 100 total employees. Mrs Campbell to make sure PTO gets an updated list of birthdays.
  - B. There is a college funding workshop being held next week
  - C. Tara is a leading school in regards to having a secure campus, we will have a new guardian soon.
  - D. Turkey Trot is November 15th, schoolwide goal is \$1000 raised
  - E. FOCUS accounts have increased, a total of 204 families now have signed up
  - F. Sandy Hook Initiative, every person welcomed every day. Student Council will be coming to PTO to request assistance paying for two buddy benches at approximately \$1000 each.
4. Purpose of PTO
5. Budget Report
  - A. Current bank balance about \$20K
  - B. Cookie Dough Fundraiser still to be finalized
6. Box Tops and Coke Gives- Adrienne Eaton
  - A. We have collected 8, 072 Box Tops so far this year, on track for our 25,000 goal, (889 in October)
  - B. Please remember to download and use the Box Tops app (on google play and istore)
  - C. Class Winner - Mrs Hall 5th Grade, Individual - Isabella Hadfeg 3rd grade Mrs Rogers
  - D. Total students participating is down since September (26 versus 45) as well as total classrooms (16 versus 19). New incentives - Teachers turning in at least 10 entered into drawing for \$25 gift card and every student turning in at least 1 boxtop gets a lollipop.
  - E. Travelling trophy being created for class winners
  - F. A container for Coke Gives has been created for the staff lounge, if anyone wants another let Adrienne know.
7. Recent Events Recap
  - A. Cookie Dough
    1. raised just over \$12,000
    2. Tricky Dogs show Nov 16
    3. Thank you to all those who helped make it successful
  - B. Prize Drive
    1. HUGE SUCCESS - over 770 lbs of prizes collected
    2. Conrats to Mrs Winters class with 61.5 lbs collected who won a popcorn party

- C. Fall-O-Ween
  - 1. Raised \$4,491 overall
  - 2. PTO portion was \$1,334, still waiting on some staff booth tickets
  - 3. Thanks to all who helped make it a successful event
  
- 8. Treats With Santa - December 7th 6pm - 8 pm
  - A. Santa is all set to come
  - B. Bake Sale donations needed - Sign Up Genius link is live and paper signup available at the back of the room
  - C. Tara Dance Team will perform and welcome Santa in
  - D. PTO Holiday Cheer Bottle Grab will be running again, if anyone knows any potential wine sponsors
  - E. Staff Crafts/Activities booth - signup is posted outside clinic
  - F. Good Life Church is donating Hot Cocoa (this will be supervised this year)
  - G. Volunteers needed - sign up sheet available at the back of the room and sign up genius link is live on facebook. Jessica is emailing all sign up genius links to those parents who have opted in to receiving PTO emails.
  - H. Decorating will take place in the evening just before Thanksgiving break so that they are up when we return
  
- 9. Jingle Shop - December 10th -14th (preview December 7th)
  - A. Not a fundraiser, a holiday shop for students that PTO provides as a service.
  - B. Lots of helping hands needed - please see sign up sheet or Sign Up Genius link
  - C. Setup will take place after school on 12/5 and all day on 12/6 in the media center
  - D. Shopping hours will be from 9am - 2:30 pm Mon-Thurs and 9am to noon on Fri with packing up happening noon- 3 pm on the Friday.
  
- 10. Spirit Nights/Weeks for November
  - A. PDQ is Thursday November 8th from 4-8 pm
  - B. 5Below runs from Nov 30th through December 6th. You MUST present the flyer at check out for Tara to receive credit. Flyer will be sent home as well as available online to print additional.
  
- 11. Adjournment/Next meeting
  - A. No PTO Meeting in December. A brief PTO update will take place before the Holiday Show December 4th