

James Conger Elementary PTO February 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 7 pm via Google Meet

Meeting called to order by President Randy Hardenbrook at 7:02 pm

Attendance: Randy Hardenbrook, Brenda Bailey, Sheri Harrington, Christy Fronza, Kerri Templeton, Julie Fought, Amanda Cummins, Ben James

Minutes: Past meeting minutes can be found at www.congerpto.org under the Minutes tab on the left side of the page. A motion was made by Brenda Bailey to accept the minutes of 1/13/21. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Officers' Reports

President: given by Randy Hardenbrook

- Update on virtual activities/"field trips" for students
 - National comic book artists - drawing tutorial, Musicians - music class using everyday items, DIY plants/home gardening, Jack Hanna/Columbus Zoo, COSI/ NASA
 - Some could be done during the school day, but others would need to take place after hours
- Raising Cane's Fundraiser - Tuesday, February 16, 11 am - 7 pm

Treasurer: given by Sheri Harrington

- PTO bank account balance is \$17,529.43
- No money came in or out since last meeting
- Kerri - PTO money will NOT be needed to purchase new technology this year

Council and Committee Reports

Box Tops: given by Randy Hardenbrook

- Keep scanning your receipts and using the app

Secret Santa: given by Randy Hardenbrook

- Penguin Patch has been inquiring about booking for next year - wait until summer/fall to decide based on regulations

Spirit Wear: given by Randy Hardenbrook

- The website is open 24/7 for ordering
- No new orders

Staff Appreciation: given by Amanda Cummins

- Currently working on pricing different options for parent/teacher conference nights dinners

Book Fair: given by Sheri Harrington

- Sales will be less due to being virtual - 25% of sales will translate to Scholastic dollars
- If PTO spent \$8 per student, expenses would total \$3400
- Currently banked \$300 in Scholastic dollars, but can't use those or earned dollars to purchase during the sale
- Easiest way might be to have teachers select one book for their class, and order a whole matching set - This will allow for a shared experience and community building
- Ordering from the flyer is the best option to make sure there is enough in stock
- A motion was made by Randy Hardenbrook to buy every student \$10 worth of books so teachers can purchase the same book for their entire class. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Principal's Report: given by Kerri Templeton

- Snow Day this week has postponed Cohort A's Valentine's Party to next Tuesday
- Read-a-Thon and Book Fair will look a little different this year without fundraising aspect
 - Spirit Days - Read my shirt day & Dress like a book character
 - March 2 is Read Across America Day
- Expansion project - 4 classrooms added to 5th grade wing, an existing classroom will be converted into bathrooms, parking lot will be moved to current playground, playground will be moved to current parking lot with added green space
- Teachers will appreciate the conference night dinners and students will enjoy the free books!

Upcoming Events

- No School - 2/12 (Professional Development Day)
- No School - 2/15 (President's Day)
- Raising Cane's Fundraiser - 2/16 from 11am-7 pm
- Spring Photos - Cohort A on 2/17 and Cohort B & Online on 2/18
 - Need to purchase online before picture day
- Spirit Day ("Favorite" team, character, etc.) - Cohort A on 2/23 and Cohort B on 2/25

Discussions

Next meeting is 3/10/21 at 7 pm via Google Meet

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes compiled by Brenda Bailey, Secretary