

**AGENDA:
ECMS PTO MEETING
February 9, 2024
8:30 - 9:45 am**



**In Person: The Barn, Faith Community Church
Google Meet**

1. Welcome and Opening prayers -Soo welcomed everyone in person and virtual.
Soo opened in prayer.
 - a. Principal updates - Dr. Lazor provided the following updates:
 - Spelling Bee winner announced. Going to the regional bee. 5th and 4th grader-first and second. 51 rounds.
 - Bible Bee was yesterday.
 - Math competition. We are hosting at Restore Church in Midland park.- March 7. Teachers will announce to students and they express interest. Then a quiz will be administered.
 - Field day competition in April.
 - AMC 8- MS students. Christian Macy 1st. 25 questions timed on computer. Thurs/Friday next week in service. Thurs consultants coming in to do Math testing with teachers. Math curriculum work for K-5.
 - Jeremy Mulder Christian reform world review class and how it impacts education.
 - Accreditation updates CSI (organization we are a part of) and Middle States. Lot of work with parent surveys and report on standards. They will spend time with students and parents. Allows up opportunities to see what we want to work on as part of Strategic plan.
 - AI training
 - March 5-Chapel
 - Field trips:** 4th Meadowlands, 6th grade Sailing Tip on the Hudson
 - 8th grade -star Lake in Bloomingdale (overnight) May 28, 29

Basketball wrapping up

Track and Field end of March start up—emails will be sent to MS parents

Last day of school ½ day. 8th grade last day 12th of June. Promotion ceremony at the HS.

Planning for incoming 3rd grade- 79 students, 8 3rd grade applicants

Every Friday will be a special event such as Spirit Week. Next week a “Would you rather Spirit Day”- Upper Elementary

Lisa– 8th grade events. She will be sending an email out soon regarding setting up the 8th grade events, dividing/conquering. Looking forward to working with everyone.

2. PTO Board (Soo)

- a. Soo, Lisa, Amy, Thelma, Joelle, Nancy & Aimee- introductions
- b. Opportunities for the next school year
 - i. Treasurer, Events, Hospitality, etc.-- New rolls needed to fill
- c. Current Needs - Value of Pizza & CFA– reminder of what we need.

Pizza/CFA fund raiser or PTO

 - i. Chick-fil-a Tuesdays 11:30 - 1pm (42 of 68 filled)
 - ii. Pizza Thursdays 11:30 - 1pm (56 of 78 filled)
 - iii. Recess Supervision 12:15-1:15

3. PTO Budget Update (Thelma)- not focusing much on Fundraising. Expected to raise \$20K from CFA and Pizza. We are looking at a total profit of \$5K this year. Spirit t-shirts raised \$500, Dude & Student Night raised \$100, Snow tubing expected to raise \$500.

PTO raised \$8K to cover teacher/staff Christmas gifts.

We provided GC's to teachers at the beginning of the year, stock the staff lounge, and sponsored coffee truck for the teachers.

- a. Spiritual theme t-shirts for all students & staff at Wyckoff
- b. Coffee/treat cart for teacher inservice
- c. Additional Food Warmer in kitchen- Each week 40-50 pizzas delivered. With 2 warmers the pizzas stay warm.

4. Community, Connection & Communications -Soo says we hope parents saw the shift to more community and less fundraising this year. Discussed many weekly events:
 - a. More Community focus vs fundraising
 - b. Weekly Parents in Prayer - Monday after drop off
 - c. Weekly Fellowship - Tuesday after drop off- Currently located in the Barn. As the weather warms, we will gather outside the school.
 - d. Warmer weather - after school playground meet-ups? Soo suggests class parents organize classes to stay after school and meet up at the playground.

5. Past events & activities - Briefly discussed past events. Noted events may look different next year.
 - a. Back to School Family Picnic & EC Swag Swap - 9/22
 - i. Donate your EC swag
 - b. Mom's Night Out w/ES - 10/5
 - c. UE Free Family Movie Night at HS - 10/27
 - d. Dad's Night Out - 11/3
 - e. Dude & Student Night - 12/1
 - f. Christmas Market w/ES - 12/9
 - g. Teacher Christmas gift distribution - 12/21
 - h. Mom's Night Out - 1/26

6. Upcoming events & volunteer opportunities
 - a. Family Snow Tubing at Campgaw on Tuesday (limited tickets left)
 - b. Combined campus PTO/school meeting - 3/26, 7-10pm- This is more of a school update meeting. This is not just a PTO update. Administration provides updates.
 - c. MS Student Carnival - Dates pending 3/23, 4/19, 4/26– Date will change to a Friday. Please look out for volunteer opportunities. Sign up.
 - i. Set up & clean up

- ii. Running booths
 - iii. Purchase food & drinks
 - iv. Concession stand help
 - d. EC Auction Gala - 4/12 (School Event, not PTO)
 - e. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week - 5/6 -9
 - f. Fun(d) Run - 5/9– May cancel as the PTO has raised enough money. May consider keeping for Upper Elementary as a fun event.
 - g. 8th Grade Events- Lisa is planning end of year events and will organize a committee soon to help work on the events.
7. Questions/Suggestions – Questions regarding Snow Tubing– if you do not plan to snow tube then you do not need a ticket. A decision will be made on Monday if the date needs to be changed due to inclement weather.
8. Closing & Prayer – Soo closed us in prayer.

Reminder!

- **PTO Snow Tubing Night, next Tuesday at Campgaw**
- **4th Grade - Staff Lounge donations for March– reminded parents that staff wants more healthy options.**
- **Next year roles: Treasurer, Events, Hospitality, etc.**
- **READ YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN!**

**** Dr. Lazor noted that the soccer field remodel has been approved. It is planned to start in March, but may get pushed back. The goal is to have the new field ready by September.**

**** Dr .Lazor mentioned that there is talk of working on adding to the structure of the building due to the amount of children enrolled.**

Raffle winners announced: Jackeline Rodriquez and Rochelle Steen