

# December 2023 PTO Minutes

December 12, 2023  
Call to Order - 7:07 pm

Board Members in Attendance:	<p>Nicole Moore (President) Tracey Kilinski (Vice President, Grade Level Oversight) Maria Bartman Kowalik (Vice President, Committee Oversight) Gwen Perdomo (Treasurer) Rebecca Stark-Gendrano (Recording Secretary) Cassie Muratore (Co-Correspondence Secretary) Heather Anderson (Co-Correspondence Secretary)</p>
Nicole Moore - President	<p>There will be no principal's round table tonight, due to the retirement dinner for Mrs. North.</p> <p>Mr. Tennant wants to remind everyone that Friday Dec 22 is a half day. He and Ms. Moody would like to wish everyone a happy holiday.</p>
Rebecca Gendrano - Minutes	<p>There was a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Jackie Stadler. The motion was second by Jasmine Ramos.</p> <p>The talent show will be held on February 2nd in the DHS auditorium. The format for this has been updated to be a fundraiser for the Dunellen music program to ensure that our band and choir students have what they need. If you are interested in signing your child up to participate, you can click on the QR code to sign up. There will be cash prizes available for our performers as an extra incentive to take part. We are also looking for acts from teachers and other community members. Mr. Sutura and Mrs. Piano are doing a lot of the work required for this event, with students running sound and equipment. We will need parents to assist with the bake sale, supervising children, etc. The sign up genius will go out in early January.</p>
Gwen Perdomo - Treasurer's Report	<p>The treasurer's report shows that it was an uneventful month. We are switching banks, so we tried to minimize the funds being moved.</p> <p>Opening Balance: 49,736.05 Closing Balance: \$55,325.65</p> <p>We received income from monster bash and tee shirts, and we deposited the money from the Book Fair. We withdrew money for the Winter Wonderland, specifically the food and dj.</p> <p>There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report by Jackie Stadler. The motion was seconded by Jasmine Ramos.</p>
Nicole Moore - President's Report	<p>The first item is that we need to approve the new by-laws. There are changes that relate to the teacher liaison position, the duties of the corresponding secretary, the duties of the president to include tricky tray, the process for nominating new board members, the new form to request funds from the PTO, and the new Tricky Tray committee.</p>

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	<p>The new by-laws were approved by a vote of the membership present at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Tricky Tray:</b> We met as a committee last week to begin planning for this year's event. Tricky Tray will be held on May 4th, and the theme will be pop culture / fandom (i.e., Star Wars, Harry Potter, Taylor Swift.) We will have one virtual time slot and two in person time slots. This will allow the event to be slightly shorter than in previous years. An email will go out to the membership with additional details. If you want to donate, remember that we can accept only unopened, unexpired, and unused items. If you receive Kohl's cash or other incentives, feel free to give that to us as well.</p>
<p>Maria Bartman - Vice President, Committee Oversight</p>	<p>Thank you to Diana Galvez who chaired the Winter Wonderland dance. Thank you also to Nicole Moore for chaperoning.</p> <p>Holiday bazaar is over. We had a great sale. Thank you to Lynze Beavers for coordinating the volunteers. Thank you also to Nicole Moore for being present to run the cash register each day.</p> <p>Family Fun Night: We have a movie and pizza night with pizza's purchased from Rome Pizza. The pizza will need to be preordered. Keep your eyes peeled for the flyer on this.</p> <p>We will also have a hand-knitting evening on January 12th, with Cassie Muratore teaching us how to make a pillow.</p> <p>We will also explore the possibility of doing a zumba class with Yolanda in the new year.</p> <p>Regarding assemblies, the school is interested in doing the mobile planetarium once again. If you have ideas about assembly ideas, please reach out and let us know.</p>
<p>Tracy Kilinski - Vice President, Grade Level Oversight</p>	<p>Winter Parties: emails have gone out to all of the team leaders, and I am hearing back from the team leaders regarding the food items that will be provided to each class. Please remember that I need to know ahead of time what is on the ingredients list for various classes, as well as who will be in school to volunteer in the classroom. The deadline to submit this information is December 16th. I will also speak with Mr. Tennant regarding the need to provide ingredients ahead of time now that Mrs. North has retired.</p>
<p>Heather Anderson - Corresponding Sec'y</p>	<p>Membership hasn't changed much. Remember that it is never too late to join!</p>
<p>Cassie Muratore - Corresponding Sec'y</p>	<p>Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8th.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm</p>