

# March PTO Minutes

March 14, 2023

Call to Order - 7:15 pm

<p>Board Members in Attendance:</p>	<p>Nicole Moore (President, on Zoom)          Maria Kowalik (Co-Vice President, Committee Chair)          Tracey Kilinski (Co-Vice President, Grade Level Oversight)          Gwen Perdomo (Treasurer)          Rebecca Stark-Gendrano (Recording Secretary)</p>
<p>Mr Tennant - Principal's Round Table</p>	<p>We are celebrating Women's History month in March. Each day we celebrate the achievements of women in our morning announcements. Each grade has different projects to celebrate the achievements of women in history.</p> <p><b><u>NJSLA Test Schedule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math (Grades 3-5): Tues, 5/16 and Weds, 5/17</li> <li>• ELA (Grade 3-5): Thurs, 5/18 and Fri, 5/19</li> <li>• Science (Grade 5): Tues, 5/23 and Weds, 5/24</li> </ul> <p><b><u>READ-A-THON</u></b></p> <p>It has been a huge success so far, and we are grateful for all of the donations. We are currently above \$25,000. The logging of minutes will end tomorrow, 5/15, but we will continue accepting donations until March 23rd.</p> <p><b><u>UPCOMING DATES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/15: DHS students involved in the production of Beauty and the Beast will visit the school in their costumes to say hello to the students</li> <li>• 3/15: Assembly for Girls in grades 3-5 for Girls on the Run, led by Ms. Heeley. A flyer went home with students, and girls in grades 3-5 are encouraged to sign up online. There is no fee for the program itself, but the 5K race at the end of the program has a \$30 fee.</li> <li>• 3/22: Assembly for grades Pre-K through 2nd grade (Grand Falloons), as well as a visit from our safety ambassadors.</li> <li>• 3/29: Third grade choir and recorder concert from 6:30 until 7:30</li> <li>• 3/31: End of the Marking Period</li> <li>• 4/6: Report cards available</li> <li>• 4/7-4/14: Spring Break!</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for participating in the attendance challenge. The students are excited to win prizes. Remember that the horseshoe closes at 8:15.</li> </ul>

- If any issues come up in the classroom, please remember to talk to the teacher first, as they can explain things best.
- If you need to pick up your child early, please alert the teacher as well as the Faber central office.
- Please check out our new website!

### **CLASSROOM UPDATES**

**PRE-K:** Ms. Keen's class is working on Dr. Seuss rhyming activities, sorting of colors, and for science they learned about different ways to be healthy. They are practicing simple addition and learning letters G, B, and Q. Ms. Patty's classroom is reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and working on the letters S, A, and B. Ms. Laurie's class is studying rainbows and getting ready for St. Patrick's day. They are working on the letter O.

**KINDERGARTEN:** They are working on their leprechaun traps. In math, they are working on counting to 100 and looking at patterns in the hundreds chart. In language arts they are learning new sight words. They are writing their opinions and focusing on the word *because*. In social studies, they are comparing animals two-by-two.

**GRADE 1:** For science, they just finished their weather unit. In math, they are working on place value. For writing, they are working on non-fiction and researching topics of their choice. For ELA, they are mastering blends, vowels, and trick words. For social studies, they are focusing on women's history month.

**GRADE 2:** They are learning about time and money for their math class. They're working on informational writing about animals, and they have been getting visits from the safety ambassadors. They are also getting visits from Ms. Brown to do activities from the Gifted and Talented program.

**GRADE 3:** They are also focused on women's history month. They have been reading about the solar system and what life would be like about trees. In math, they are learning about fractions. All the students are very excited for their upcoming concert.

**GRADE 4:** They are studying novels, including *Crash* (Ms. Mann/ Ms. Caruso), *Front Desk* (Ms. Palmer), *Aesop's Fables* (Mr. Fortugno), Literary essays (Ms. Praul). They are working on fractions for math. They are working on literary essays for ELA.

**GRADE 5:** For writing, they are writing about a woman they admire for women's history month. In social studies, they are learning about the Revolutionary War. Their novel is *Number the Stars*. They've had visits from a literary coach as well to learn literary strategies.

	<p><b>Q&amp;A:</b>  In response to a question about the concert, Ms. Moody confirmed that the upcoming concert is just for 3rd grade. The 4th and 5th grade concert will take place later in the year.</p>
<p>Nicole Moore -  President</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm</p>
<p>Gwen Perdomo -  Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Closing balance is \$5,1957.48</p> <p>We had deposits for Tricky Tray, Candy Grams, and shirts. We also had a deposit from Reflections Studio.</p> <p>We had deductions for Drama Club (for the Roses for the play), as well as the Holiday Bazaar and Tricky Tray,</p> <p>There were no objections or questions. Motion to approve by Cassie Muratore. Second by Daisy Molina-Gerrero.</p>
<p>Rebecca Stark  Gendrano - Minutes</p>	<p>Motion to approve by Sariya Garcia. Second by Daisy Molina-Gerrero.</p>
<p>Nicole Moore -  President's Report</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who purchased Candy Grams. We made \$667 on this fundraiser. We used that money to go toward prizes for Tricky Tray.</p> <p>Tricky Tray is moving along, and we got a lot of prizes wrapped at our last meeting. We are still looking for donations to ensure that we have enough prizes for this event. This helps us to raise a significant amount of money for the schools. Registration is open. We currently have approximately 50 people who have registered, and there is plenty of time still to register. Be sure to register by April 7th to get an extra sheet of level A tickets. Be sure to sign up for volunteer assignments at this event. Thank you to DEA for purchasing some of the decorations and supplies that we need for this event.</p> <p>Daisy noted that Kohl's is having a huge sale, which would be a good opportunity to get prizes. Nicole noted that we have a lot of level D prizes already, as well as trips and purses. We still need help with getting prizes of lower value. Home goods, kitchen items, and holiday items are always popular.</p> <p>PTO Board nominations go live tonight. Thank you to Brittany Gourlay for helping us to manage this process. Anyone in PTO can be nominated for any position, even if the position is currently filled. Feel free to reach out with any questions.</p>

<p>Maria Bartman - Vice President, Committee Oversight</p>	<p>We had a successful fitness and wellness night in the school. Yolanda donated a Zumba class, and we also had a dance class demo. For our next event, we would like to have an aerobic dance class followed by a meditation class. We also received donations of money and toiletries to Women Aware.</p> <p>Daisy noted that her church has a food pantry every month, and they would be very happy to accept donations.</p> <p>Book Fair is coming up May 1-5, and it will be BOGO. The Sign-up Genius will be going out soon to solicit volunteers. Please sign up if you can!</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation week is May 8-12. I have reached out to the volunteers, and you should soon hear from the organizers about donations.</p> <p>Suriya Garcia will be chairing the Fifth-Grade Farewell committee. We still need a volunteer for the Eighth Grade Promotion. If you are interested in doing this, please let us know.</p> <p>Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for reading the applications. We will select our recipients in the first week of April.</p> <p>We are hoping to do a crocheting night sometime in the Fall, thanks to Cassie, who can teach us how to make blankets.</p>
<p>Tracy Kilinski - Vice President, Grade Level Oversight</p>	<p>All team leaders should have received my email about planning spring parties. Kindergarten parties take place on the first day of school. Please let me know who your volunteers will be. 2nd grade will do their party on April 5th. The other grades will have their parties on April 6th. If you have questions about the parties let me know.</p> <p>Daisy noted that it can be hard to get parents to donate. Tracy replied that PTO can only reach out to PTO members. If we want all parents to contribute, then that email would have to come from the teacher.</p>
<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>The Read Across America event was a lot of fun! Thanks to Beth for organizing it. Most readers are part of the community (School Board members, members of police or fire department, etc.)</p> <p>Remember that the Talent Show will take place on June 4th at the Open Air Market. Start thinking about acts that you would like to present.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.</p>