

# PTO MINUTES

April 16, 2022

Call to Order: 7:15

Attendance: see attached list via zoom and in person	Board Members in Attendance:
<b>Nicole Moore</b> - President	
<b>Brittany Gourley</b> - Co-Vice President, Committee Chair	
<b>Tracey Kilinski</b> - Co-Vice President, Grade Level Oversight	
<b>Gwen Perdomo</b> - Treasurer	
<b>Rebecca Gendrano</b> - Correspondence Secretary	
<b>Maria Bartman-Kowalik</b> -Recording Secretary	

Topic	Summary
Mr. Tennant – Principal Round Table	<p>Classroom updates</p> <p>Pre-K: letters D&amp;Q, Math- simple addition; science- spring themes and they conducted a rain experiment.</p> <p>Mrs. Manolous Class: letters K and M, recycled materials and baby chicks</p> <p>Mrs. Lawry’s class: letters B&amp;P, reviewing the alphabet; Science- rain, plants and homemade playdough; Math working on Spring number books</p> <p>Kindergarten- Earth Day and recycling and making projects and bringing them in at the end of the month;</p> <p>Writers work shop: opinion pieces; Math: counting to 100;</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Math – adding 2 digit numbers and regrouping; Language Arts: common and proper nouns, Author’s purpose; Social Studies: learning about habitats, Science: Earth Day and animals and plants, also working on a time capsule they will put in the court yard.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Time and money, “how to” pieces in writing and getting ready for their opinion pieces</p> <p>Earth Day and hope to plant in the courtyard as well.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Strategies in adding 3 and 4 digit numbers, solving 2 step word problems; ELA-reading about Ellen Ochoa and the solar system. Some classes have started Charlottes Webb; Social Studies- locations on maps.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> grade: couple of novels: Bridge to Terabithia: themes of friendship, childhood and individual. Save me a Seat: themes of Bullying. Tiger Rising and Front Desk. Math: Topic 9 Understanding Addition and Subtraction of fractions and common denominators. Writing: informational pieces.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Grade: writing- points of view Essays, ELA: stepping on the cracks. Math: Fractions</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <p>Thursday 4/14- Report cards Available to parents at 4PM on Genesis</p> <p>4/15-4/24 Spring Break. 4/25 Back to School</p>

4/25 – New Drop off will start in the horseshoe  
4/28 & 4/29 – Mobile Planetarium coming All students will visit  
4/29 – Arbor day Celebration for students  
5/6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class trip. “reptile guys” coming to the school  
5/11 – Spring choir concert  
5/14 – PTO Tricky Tray  
5/16 – water safety assembly for grades 3,4,5 Diana Starace from RWJ Barnabas will present  
5/17 -NJSLA testing begins Math first Unit 1 and 2 on day 1  
5/18- NJSLA testing Math Unit 3 (each unit is 60minutes)  
5/19- grades 3,4,5 ELA unit (75 minutes)  
5/24 and 5/25 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade science unit.  
5/24 Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, petting zoo.  
5/26 – Bike to school day  
5/27 – School Closed (4 day memorial day weekend)  
6/13 @ 6PM 2022-2023 Kindergarten Orientation @ Faber  
6/15 Grades 4 and 5 award night  
6/16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Kickball extravaganza  
6/17 – No School  
Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023 now open  
Starting tomorrow Pre-School Registration is opening  
Don’t forget to order your Faber Yearbook. Last Day to order is June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Please call office to notify that student needs to be picked up early so they can be ready for you to pick up.  
Question about Gifted and Talented program being a grade on the report card:  
Mr. Tennant clarified: will be a note on a report card, not a grade.  
Question:  
What is the process for admission to the gifted and talented program?  
Teachers submit names and child is evaluated if it is submitted.  
Pre-covid a questionnaire came home and child was tested  
Since Covid it was teacher recommendation.  
Mr. Tennant: parents can discuss with Mr. Tennant and he will reach out to teacher and Mrs. Brown.  
Question:  
What grade does G&T start?  
Mr. Tennant: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, grouped 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. And then 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Nicole Moore- President	Call to order
Gwen Perdomo- Treasurer's report	<p>March –</p> <p>Report emailed to membership.</p> <p>Deposits for tricky tray tickets</p> <p>Deposit from Amazon Smile \$67.</p> <p>Candy Grams Venmo</p> <p>Fundraising from shirt sales</p> <p>Debit: Advertising for yearbook</p> <p>Debit: Amazon purchase for tricky tray tickets</p> <p>Zoom account administrative expenses \$159.83</p> <p>Paid for field trip for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.</p> <p>Drama club advertisement</p> <p>Deposit of approx. \$10,000</p> <p>Debit: about \$1,000</p> <p>Approve: Jessica Rodriguez, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Burke</p>
Maria Bartman - Minutes	Approved: April Burke; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jessica Rodriguez
Nicole Moore- Presidents report	<p>Congratulation to Drama Club for fantastic performance</p> <p>PTO Board nominations closed today, Thank you to Jessica Rodriguez for collecting info.</p> <p>Jessica will reach out to those who were nominated. If any voting is necessary will happen in May and changeover will happen in June.</p> <p><b>Somerset Patriots Fundraiser</b>, June 11. Fireworks night. Must order through link. Tickets will be \$13.</p> <p>“Night at the ball park with the Mayor” the Mayor will be able to throw out a first pitch.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion – keeping it simple with simple gifts Monday, June 27 from 8-10PM, will need a non-8<sup>th</sup> grade parent to help chaperone.</p> <p><b>Open Air Market:</b> At Washington Park this past Sunday, will be back May 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b>Tricky Tray:</b> Full steam ahead, wrapping last night, just over ½ full. Please register ASAP. If you register by April 15 you get a bonus sheet of Level A tickets. Please sign up for when you can help the day of or day before.</p>
Brittany Gourley- Vice President – Committee chair	<p><b>Book Fair</b> – last week, thank you to Miss. Willoughby. Going forward the BOGO book fair will have to be in May. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. Next one will be in November 2022.</p> <p>Scholarship Committee: Forms are due the day after spring break. Any seniors who would like to apply for \$1,000 scholarships. Thank you to Kate Harada for organizing.</p>

	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell</b> – June 16<sup>th</sup> – Kickball game, DJ, FOOD and Fun! Chair person has received committee list, please expect to have meeting in next few weeks. <b>Teacher Appreciation</b> is first full week of May – May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Megan Portik and Trina Rios for chairing committee. <b>Holiday Bazaar</b> – will plan to have November 28-December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Virtual link is always available year round. Link of on our website. <b>Red Ribbon Week</b> – will need a chair person. Will need a lot of planning early in September.</p>
Tracey K- Vice President - Grade Level Oversight	<p>Emails were sent out to team leaders for spring parties. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade does an ethnic festival – waiting to hear if it will be done traditionally</p>
Beth Willoughby- Teacher Liaison	<p>DEA PRIDE happy to be involved in tricky tray, also donating banners for all 3 schools who are being promoted. Thank you to volunteers who helped with book fair.</p>
Maria Bartman - Assemblies	<p>All students at Faber will participate in planetarium; will not be doing a family fun night this time.</p>
Rebecca Gendrano: Corresponding Secretary	<p>June 4<sup>th</sup> - Talent Show, space and sound crew are reserved and ready to go. Signup sheet is ready to go for participants. Will coordinate with Mr. Tennant to make sure it goes out to students. Once we know how big event will be, will know how many volunteers will be needed. Next Meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>
Open discussion	<p>Take your child to work day is April 28. Will need a note from place of work as proof so it is an excused absence.</p>
Meeting adjourned	