

Gene Witt PTO Minutes

September 1, 2022

2022-2023 PTO Board

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Call to order at 7:37 p.m.

Carla introduced the current board members.

Upcoming Family Fun Events (Carla)

- Family Bingo Night will be September 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Forms are due tomorrow. Tickets will be sent home next week.
 - Some teachers are volunteering to call games. The bingo games will run from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Each person will get 5 cards, but you can buy more the night of.
 - We will not be selling tickets at the door, to make sure we have enough cards prepared.
- Fall Food Truck Rally will be September 29th from 5 to 8 pm.
 - Mike Lynch (Fathers Being Involved – FBI) is setting this up for us.
 - There will be 5 trucks: 3 food trucks, 2 dessert trucks.
 - It will be set up out near where the car line is. Tables will be set up.
- We are working on additional Spirit Nights dates. Stayed tuned to the Gene Witt PTO Facebook page.

Volunteers (Carla)

- Are you interested in volunteering for a specific event or want to learn more? Please email us at genewittpto@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.
- We had a signup sheet at Back to School Night. We will be reaching out to those who signed up.
- We are going to set up a meeting for anyone who is interested. Stay tuned for that. If anyone else is interested but did not sign up, please send us an email and we'll add you to the list.

Budget (Shannon)

- The 2022-2023 budget is on track.
- We've had teacher reimbursements start to come in.
- Under technology, we paid for AR (Accelerated Reader).
- We've approved three mini grants so far:
 - PE – Four wire shelving units for new covered area storage, about \$386
 - 5th Grade study unit – *Esperanza Rising* Books, about \$395
 - Speech Department – Two assessment kits to help assess language delays, just under \$1,700

- Spirit gear is selling as projected. We sent home order forms. The order forms can also be found on the PTO website, and we emailed them out. Adult sizes only are available online. Spirit gear will be available all year. You can pay with cash, check, PayPal or a QR code.
- Opt-Out has made over \$8000.
- Business Sponsors has made over \$6700. And I just mailed out 40 more letters to potential sponsors.
- A lot of the money that we make from our Family Fun events goes toward the mini grants the school needs, for example for technology, teacher reimbursements, staff appreciation.

Mrs. Dixon: A parent asked me when the Memory Bricks purchased last year will be put out.

Carla: We have them in the PTO portable right now. We are going to talk to the FBI about getting them laid.

Otis Fundraiser (Carla)

- This kicks off next Monday, September 12. The packets will go home that day. It will run until September 26
- As they sell, students will get tickets to turn in for themed trinkets. We are figuring out how to get those to the kids.
- Otis is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We are talking about doing a kickoff assembly. We are getting those details together.
- **Shannon:** The big incentive this year is an ice cream party and then I believe it's the top 10 sellers get to turn Mrs. Dixon into a human sundae in front of the ice cream party.

Opt-Out (Carla)

- Forms went home on August 22 and are due back by September 16th. You can turn them in after that, your kids just won't get the Otis stuff. 100 percent of the Opt-Out money goes to Witt.

Parent Question: What if you misplaced the Opt-Out form?

Carla: All the forms are our website, www.genewittpto.com

Business Sponsors (Carla)

- Letters and Sponsorship forms were given out at school on August 22. Additional letters continue to be mailed out to local businesses.
- Please contact the PTO at genewittpto@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a business sponsor or have any question.

Upcoming Dates to Remember (Carla)

Monday, September 5	No School – Labor Day
Friday, September 9	Family Bingo Night
Monday, September 12	Otis Fundraiser Kick Off
Monday, September 26	Otis Fundraiser Ends
Thursday, September 29	Fall Food Truck Rally
Thursday, October 6	End of Quarter 1 (Kona Ice for Students and Staff) PTO providing
Thursday, October 6	SAC/PTO Meeting 6 pm
Friday, October 7	No School – Record Day

M – F, October 10-14
Thursday, October 13
Friday, October 28

Fall Book Fair
School Picture Retake/Makeup Day
Monster Mash Trunk or Treat – looking for volunteers

Parent question: My kids say that 2nd grade has no recess equipment. How does that get distributed?

Shannon: The teachers just have to get together and decide what they want to purchase, and I'll purchase it. Each grade receives a set amount of money each school year for recess equipment.

Mrs. Dixon: Thank you to the PTO for buying the outdoor dining area tables, benches, and sunshade. Thank you to the FBI for putting the picnic tables and benches together.

Carla: We encourage everyone to get involved with the PTO. We will get a meeting together for anyone who is interested

Mike Lynch: We are also taking volunteers for the FBI.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.