**February Coles PTO Meeting Minutes**

February 19th, 2025

**Meeting called to order at 6:05p**

8 attendees

**January minutes approved**

**Treasurer Report**

Balance as of 2/19/25- $20,202.45

Income (Total-6,512.10)

-$20-Drama Club

-$32-Urban Air

-$500- Boosterthon Sponsor

-Boosterthon Donation Deposits:

-$296

-$1,415.85

-$4,212

Expenses

-None from current PTO funds

-Total donated for shirts $2400

-Rollover funds from former PTA were used for Drama Club purchase and Shamrock and Roll materials

-Current rollover funds remaining: $13690.35

-Vote passed to use rollover PTA funds to purchase two outdoor tents, will ask for donations first

**Staff Representative Report-** Ms. Mclaughlin, submitted report thru email that was read at meeting

-Thanks, given to the PTO for the Valentine treats, Kissing Booth was adorable and complemented the beautifully decorated staff lounge.

-Several staff members inquired about the change in this years Boosterthon fun run. They were wondering why we were no longer marking laps on shirts. Many expressed they were disappointed and both them and their students looked forward to that. It was asked to share if this is an option for next year, if we could please bring back tracking laps.

**Principal Report-** Mrs. Drzewucki

-Bootherthon was great, they do such a great job. The kids love the huddles and the messages are great.

-Awesome Valentines treats!

**Club Report**

-Currently in session: ASL, Choir, Drama, Lego (k-2)

-TKD- Will be held March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th. Flyers will be going out this week or early next week. those who already sign up have their spots reserved.

**Events/items**

-Boosterthon: Two more days to donate. Current have eased a total of $9,963, working on corporations matching donations-possible $1,000 more from companies

-Funds2Org Shoe Drive Fundraiser: Understand it is a new fundraiser, but shocked with the lack of participation. Believed we would have a much higher participation as most families have at least 1 pair of shoes in their home that either no longer fit or never get worn. Still hopeful in the next 3 weeks we will be able to collect a large number of shoes.

Reached out to both Benton and Colgan offering service hours to NJHS students who collect shoes.

* Will have a drive-by shoe collection event on Saturday, March 8th from 10 - 12 PM, where families and community members can pull up to drop off shoes.
* As a final collection push, will encourage families to bring a pair of shoes with them to the Shamrock and Roll event, will offer 1 concession ticket for each pair of shoes they donate.
* Original goal was to fill 100 bags. To date we have collected 277 pairs of shoes filling 11 bags.

Week 1: 137, Week 2: 53, Week 3: 57, Week 4: 30

* Ms. Powell's class is in the lead with 100 pairs of shoes collected.

- Fundraiser ends on Friday, March 14th.

-Counselor Appreciation week-amazing gift baskets, banners and treats!

-Red Robin Spirit Night- TBD (more info to come)

-Shannon Fletcher volunteered to be the event liaison and give support to new chairpersons. Will find out how she would like to be contacted.

-Shamrock and Roll event will be on March 14th and parents will have a chance a place games to win critter coins for their kids. Asking for staff volunteers to help give out critter coins, will have crafts, concessions for sale and a DJ dance party.

-Event planning check list is in the works, will be shared soon, as well as Teacher/Staff appreciation checklist.

-Sprit Wear fundraiser, will do another flyer sale, a bulk order of new items, possible hoodies, as well as hoodies for staff.

-Drama club will be selling flowers at the performance; proceeds will be donated to a local theater company.

-Movie night- have kids vote on which one to show. Looking into getting license for movie.

-Teacher appreciation week, will set up a meeting with principal and chairpersons around the end of march to discuss further.

**Event Chairs**

-Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, May 5th-9th, Chairpersons: Darina Byrd, Chelsea Garcia and Jessica Conway

-Family Movie Night, May 30th, Chairperson: Chelsea Garcia

-Vote approved to change the next PTO meeting date from March 19th to April 23rd.

-Nominations for next year’s PTO board will begin at the April meeting, vote for new board members will occur during May PTO meeting

**Next Meeting April 23rd at 6pm.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:49pm**