

Fairview PTO Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 6pm  
Fairview Elementary Cafeteria

**Welcome**

**Principal Comments**

Happenings/Events:

- Camp Allegheny - grade 5 – it was a great week of weather and Mrs. Kreit visited
- 3rd grade Beechwood Farms on October 5th
- Mobile Fingerprinting on October 6th
- Half Day (noon dismissal) on October 11th, October 27th, and November 6th
- Halloween - celebrated on Friday, Oct. 27th
  - Parade (10:10am - anyone welcome to view from parking lot); weather dependent and will be canceled if it rains
  - Classroom parties (10:40am - only pre-arranged parent volunteers with clearances can attend)
  - Early dismissal that day this year at noon
- Picture Retake Day - November 9th
- Veteran's Day Assembly - November 10th
- Kindergarten Breakfast - Tues. Nov. 21 (last names M-Z) and Weds. Nov. 22 (last names A-L) at 7:45am
  - Family invited - teachers will send home information and RSVP

Instruction:

- RTII meetings – social, emotional, enrichments and peer groups
- GLIRP ... focus on the "Passion"
- Kindergarten Interventions to start in late October
- CogATs - grade 4 (Oct 9-12)

Climate & Culture

- Monthly theme for September and October is Courage - continuing with recognition of students and the "why"
- Exploring buddy classrooms for cross-grade collaboration
- Sensory Pathways and Zen Dens have been a huge hit with and support for our students
- Student Government representatives selected; first meeting scheduled

Communication

- Conferences will be held November 6th and 7th
- Teachers will send sign-up link around the same time to help line up schedules for families with multiple kids at the school
- Support teachers will try to join the conferences

Safety

- Two fire drills so far - both successful!

- Safety committee is planning for our first required safety drill (lockdown) - information will be provided to parents in advance

### **Treasurer Update**

- Budgets for committees and fundraising
  - T Shirt Sale made \$4k
  - Fall Flower Sale made almost \$2k

### **Committees Updates**

- Chess Club
  - Price increase to \$70 per student for the session beginning November 3rd
  - Very popular and working with instructor on ways to add more kids from the waitlist
- Fall Mum Sale
  - Fundraiser made almost \$2k
- Hospitality
  - Met with the committee and made a plan for the year
  - Planning a coffee/smoothie truck option for the teachers during conferences
  - Custodian Day for Mr. Susi was earlier this week and pizza was ordered for the evening custodian
- Great Expectations
  - Instructors have been confirmed for Tues, Wed, and Thurs
  - Continuing to reach out to instructor but some feedback has been that we need to be paying instructors more than currently offered
  - Look for more information next month!
- Facebook Page/App/Communication
  - There is an FPTO profile on Facebook that is being used to make cross posting easier between Facebook and Instagram
  - It's been suggested to look into an app for PTO communication, but is not feasible at this time
- Yearbook
  - Please send in photos of first day of school and kids wearing the Fairview tshirts
  - Please send in photos of halloween parties and parade
  - Photos taken throughout the year at Fairview events, parties, etc can be sent to [fcfairviewyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:fcfairviewyearbook@gmail.com)
- Directory
  - It is finished and will be sent out next week
- Fox Trot
  - Fox trot was a huge success this year at the new location!

### **Discussion & Votes**

- PASSED: A motion was made to allow up to \$50 reimbursement for each classroom for each holiday party to help offset the cost for room parents. A form will be sent to the room parents to use for reimbursement

### **Teacher Comments**

- We would like to give a huge thank you to the PTO for our new shirts!
- Teacher Auction planning has started. We are thinking November 1-10 as possible dates
  - The same website will be used again this year
  - 26 experiences to bid on

- Some experiences will be a flat cost and a name draw, which will be less cost prohibitive than the bidding

## **Adjourn**

**Attendees:** Beth Inglis, Kristen Reinecke, Haley Abel, Lauren White, Jessie Handron, Becky Bruce, Marissa Sweeny, Jonathan Fuge, Chi Basson, Sarah Thimons, Emily Joyce, Susan Kreit, Dena Magrish, Brooke Young, Ashley Barritt

## **Additional Notes Environmental Education Committee update from Melinda Guinn:**

October is a great month full of opportunities for environmental education enrichment!

Third graders will be on a field trip this October, hosted by ASWP education partners to Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve for science education.

Fifth grade will be on a week long field trip to Camp Allegheny with ASWP education partners in October.

ASWP Creatures of the Night is a great local family friendly opportunity for educational enrichment outside of school!

Free Bird Walks are available on Sundays at 9am at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.

Free Owl Prowl on October 5th at Beechwood thanks to RAD funding.

Free volunteer tree planting event at Beechwood on Sat, October 7th at 9am.

Check the calendar for a variety of great opportunities!

<http://aswp.org/events>

Allegheny County Parks will be planting over a thousand trees in partnership with the 10 Million Trees for PA Program in October. Check out their calendar for volunteer opportunities, great fall events and free local events at Hartwood Acres Park.

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/hartwood/index.aspx>

Reach out to Melinda Guinn if interested in volunteering for tree planting opportunities in Fox Chapel Borough Parks and O'Hara Township Parks this October, in partnership with the 10 Million Trees for PA Program.