

Minutes for the PTG meeting 9/27/2022

Meeting started: 6:36pm

Present: Nicole Owens, Carla Franchi, Sharon Lovas, Heather Cooperstein, Dr. Lisa Gordon

Members present signed and received copies of the Bylaws of Quibbletown PTG

Topic 1: *Car Wash*

We raised \$127 between cars washed and donations. Each of the six students who helped received \$7 in tips, as well as a pizza lunch for everyone, supplied by Mr. Gonzalez. With the supplies that were bought we just broke even but we will not have to purchase any supplies for another car wash in the spring. Kim Robak has a poster-making copier at work and has offered to make posters for our Spring Car Wash. The poster will be 42" wide and can be up to 70" long. We also discussed having waterproof gloves available for the kids next time, as well as better dry towels that can be wrung out and reused.

Topic 2: *Spirit Wear Fundraiser*

The spirit wear is from Aka Incorporated and is online only. We need more advertising, as there have been very limited sales so far (about 11-12). We can send out the information again on Schoology and include the information in the morning announcements. Also, Ms DiSanto (in charge of Junior Honor Roll students) has offered to distribute flyers to homerooms on Wednesday.

Topic 3: *National Custodian Day*

We will give each of the five school custodians a \$20 gift certificate to Dunellen BBQ. Ms DiSanto has students making posters to hang around the school and they will include it in their morning announcement.

Topic 4: *World's Finest Chocolates*

This fundraiser is October 4th-October 21st. Adam Kaplan will be doing a kick-off assembly the morning of October 4th, and that's when the forms will be given out to the students. (Sharon has the forms ready.) Ms Artist will have a form for the students to fill out when they return their money, and she will also be helping to pass out the chocolates. We will need additional help to hand out the chocolates as well as needing help to count the money. There will be a table at the main entrance next to our PTG box, where the students can put their envelopes. Students will have to bring back the permission slip before they can take possession of the chocolates to sell, and they are limited to 2 cases at a time. Once the chocolates are given to the student, no returns will be accepted from them, even if the case they were given is unopened. We will have 400 cases to start. Last year, we started with 200 cases and had 4 additional shipments after that. We can return anything we don't give out. For every 100 cases we take, we get 2 free cases; therefore, we will be getting 8 free cases of chocolate. There are 6 different kinds of chocolate available. We also plan to sell the chocolate at our snack/dessert booth at the Vendor Sale.

Topic 5: *Dine to Donate*

Our first Dine to Donate will be held at Chipotle on Tuesday, October 4th. Flyers will be run off and sent home this Thursday (Tachina). The reminder will also be put on Schoology. Panda Express will be our second Dine to Donate and will be held on Tuesday, November 1st.

Topic 6: ***Schoolstore.com***

This yearly fundraiser begins in the middle of October. Parents can sign up and whenever they shop at their favorite stores the PTG will receive a percentage of the sales. The percentage can range from 2% to 50%. Families can also purchase Caring for the Classroom Gift Cards for their teachers. The teachers can then shop at the website for classroom supplies. The PTG does not make any money on these gift cards.

Topic 7: ***Vendor Bazaar***

Our vendor sale is Saturday October 15th. We have eleven vendors that have submitted their applications and payments. Tachina will get a copy of our vendor list on Wednesday. We have decided to change the deadline for the applications to October 10th rather than October 1st. Carla and Heather will put up additional flyers in local businesses such as Shoprite, Cedar Grove Café, both libraries, Quick Chek, Fratelli's, Piscataway Pizza, and the YMCA. Chris Irovando also posted a reminder on schoology tonight at our request. Ms DiSanto will provide us with students to help unload our vendors' cars. We will have eight cases of World's Finest Chocolates to sell. We will also set up a bake/snack sale at our table. Sharon plans to make cookies and her daughter will be making cupcakes. (All food items must be individually packaged.) If the weather is bad, we know we cannot use the gym as it will be occupied, so we are looking into whether we can use the cafeteria or other areas of the school.

Topic 8: ***Book Fair***

The book fair will run from Monday, October 31st to Friday, November 4th. We will be open 2 evenings: Tuesday, November 1st during the Family Fun Night, and Thursday, November 3rd. Both evenings will run 6:30-8:00pm. Unfortunately, this year all book fair items will be taxed. We must make sure this information is clearly displayed in the flyer. Ms DiSanto will provide us with students to help us set up and break down. She will also have her students create posters to place around the school. Our incentives this year will be \$5 Amazon gift cards for 5 daily winners and a \$10 Amazon gift card as the weekly winner. For each BOOK a student buys they will receive a raffle ticket. We will also sell DumDums (lollipops). (Amazon sells them for \$68.95 per 1000, and we decided tonight to purchase 2 bundles of them.) Those students who find a red dot on their lollipop will receive a prize. The prizes will be items we purchase with Scholastic Dollars. We are also thinking of having a poster raffle possibly Friday night to distribute the display posters. We need volunteers to work the book sale, especially on Wednesday and Thursday.

Topic 9: ***Family Fun Nights***

Our first Family Fun Night, Bingo, will be held on Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30-8:00pm in the cafeteria. We will be selling snacks and water during the games. We are looking into planning our second Family Fun Night which will be on February 24. We need to do more research on doing a Pizza and Painting night, because age-appropriate kits are difficult/expensive to find. We would want to get flyers out in early January if we choose to do this, because we need families to pre-pay so we can order the correct number of kits. Alternately, Lisa suggested just getting canvases and paint and allowing the families to paint what they like. Another option to this idea is to try to get a few pre-painted canvases to use as examples if anyone would like to try to reproduce them on their own. We need to talk to Rose Flanagan to get her opinion/suggestions, and see if she would be willing to help out at all.

Topic 10: ***Multi-Vendor Fundraiser***

We are trying something new this year and using three different vendors in one fundraiser. This is a 2-WEEK SALE. Our vendors are Fun Pasta (fun shaped pasta), Gertrude Hawk (chocolate/candy), and Midland Fundraiser (candles popcorn, gift wrap, miscellaneous kitchen and gift items). There will be a 40-50% profit on each of the vendors. Gertrude Hawk needs to be delivered to the school for distribution, but the other two can be delivered straight to the families' homes. We will have Ms DiSanto's students help stuff envelopes (from Costco) with all the materials from our vendors. (We have about 530 students.) We will request a set of labels with just the students' names by homeroom so we don't miss anyone.

New business:

We will look into whether the school already has a laminator and/or a poster-making machine. If not, we may look into purchasing them for the school.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm