

**PTO GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
January 10, 2020**

Item	Discussion	OPEN
<p>Mr. Cook</p>	<p>Discussion of how the school / district has addressed and will continue to address the loss of Mrs. Piller</p> <p>Staff District Emergency Crisis Committee met prior to school resuming following winter break to determine how to address the loss within the schools. Counsellors available for the students and staff.</p> <p>Learning how to deal with the loss of a beloved educator. Kids are handling the situation w/ unbelievable maturity and strength. With every tear shed, there was a wonderful memory shared.</p> <p>On Friday, January 5, Mr. Cook and Dr. S met separately with each grade level and their teachers to discuss the loss, which allowed for age appropriate conversations. Focused on how we are all “in this together” and that “whatever you are feeling, whether today or a month from now, is appropriate.”</p> <p>Open discussion as to how we can continue to celebrate Mrs. Piller. The school has been in touch with Mrs. Piller’s family</p> <p>Logistical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amazing Animals: Mr. A - Reach and Compacting: Dr. Kline effective January 21st while also continuing with IND. Beginning the interview process for the IND position (short and long term replacement). <p>PTO is sending a Memorial Oak Tree to her family. Oak symbolizes wisdom. Will include a plaque: “We are who we are because of you” (from her favorite play, <i>Wicked</i>), and personalized watering cans for her granddaughters.</p>	

Future Events		
The Grunch School Play Monday, January 13	2p for the students. 7p the parents of those involved in the play (front and back stage)	
Mom's Night Out	January 29. Uproot. Districtwide event. Sign-ups close January 20. Approximately 110 moms signed up. Strong turnout by Mt. Horeb. If you signed up but have not paid, please do so.	
Dad's Night Out	January 30. Districtwide event. Payment should be sent to the Central School representative. At Lukas	
Family Reading Night	January 17. Not a drop off event.	
Movie Night	February 7. Movie is TBD	
Preschool Winter Showcase	February 14	
Brain Show	March 5: Day and evening (6:30PM) assembly. Game show format.	
Science Fair	March 20. 10 th Anniversary Wendy Piller Science Fair	
Staff Appreciation Week Set-Up Friday, May 1 Starts Monday May 4	Chair position OPEN. If you do not want to chair but want to be part of the Committee, please volunteer. We are at a point in the school calendar where we do need to start moving forward with planning. Doors will be handled by the HR parents.	Please volunteer!
Food Day	Review of menu changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martinsville Deli: Adding an extra chicken strip with no additional cost. - Warren Deli: Adding pancakes with turkey sausage as a new option at \$4.90. 	Cycle open until January 16. Remember ... once a cycle closes, we cannot re-open Thank you Jen Connolly for assisting with the changes.
Mini Grants	A tremendous year for mini-grants – PTO increased grant allowance and our kids have truly benefits Yogibos were very well received and 2 soccer goals expected soon. Other grant items: Therapy horse, indoor planetarium, published books, penguins and various assemblies. Garden Items: Irrigation System and seed cart (for indoor planting for transfer to the garden in spring). Discussion of mini-grant items for Drama Club. Perhaps a recurring gift item (ie. \$X)	

Caring Committee	General discussion of the role of the Caring Committee. Reaching out to teachers and families in need.	
After School Clubs	Wee Little Arts has 4 students (can have as many as 15). Wee Little Arts: Opening a Friday session starting February 7. Soccer: 6 students. Note you can sign up mid-session and pay a pro-rated amount. On the Court: 26 students – awesome enrollment! Flyers distributed throughout the school likely helped with enrollment. Gotta Dance: Running smoothly. Like soccer, you can sign-up mid-session and pay a prorated amount.	Any club related issue, please reach out for Jill Parry.
PTO General Meetings	2 general meetings remaining for the school year. Possible evening meeting to coincide with the March general meeting (currently scheduled for March 13 th at 9:30a). Evening meeting will be based on RSVP	
District Bingo	April 17 (tentatively date). If goes forward, it will be at ALT.	
Live Wax Museum	For 3 rd graders. Tentatively scheduled for mid-February. Children are working on their biographies and will stage a speaking wax museum, where the students will dress as their “character” and discuss biographical information.	
News Cast	First Broadcast was December 20 th – huge hit! Run by Mrs. Zgombic and the 5 th graders. Students are very involved in creating the program (text, interviews, etc.) Still working on scheduling and format. You can access a link at the Warren Township home page to view the broadcast.	
Feb. 10 BOE Hosted at Mt. Horeb	7p meeting at Mt. Horeb Reviewing format	Please attend!!!
School Safety Committee Meeting	Addresses HIB (Harassment Intimidation and Bullying). Committee meets a few times during the year to address behavior. For the most part, student behavior is appropriate.	Darlene Carter is the parent representative. Please reach out if you have any questions.
Presentation	Week of Making Good Choices. Presentations by Randy Nathan	

	and David Gonzales are available on the Website.	
Library Renovations	Mrs. Burkhardt requesting volunteers for assistance in organizing the library in advance of the renovations. Hoping renovations to be completed by April/May. Temporary location for the library is across the hall in the computer lab. Using the library shelves in the Room 1A (book room) for storage of leveled reading for the students.	
PTO Shed	Will need to be cleaned out. Most of the contents will be tossed.	Mr. Cook to arrange for disposal of shed and contents
Field Day	Friday, June 5. Rain date Tuesday, June 9. Same day as the 5 th Grade Moving Up. May need to reschedule the rain date.	
Last Day of School	Currently June 19	

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