PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 5 2026

1. Principal's Report - Mrs. Croce
    a. Teaching/Learning
        i. Leadership Program
        ii. Schools KTL (Keys to Literacy)
            1. Monthly visits for 2 full days
            2. Visit each classroom
            3. Help our students reach literacy goals
        iii. MTSS fully in place
            1. Groups based on Fastbridge ELA testing results
    b. Second grade concert was great!
    c. Erie gives back
        i. Veteran's Day Assembly
        ii. Student Council Tunnel of Towers
        iii. Food Drive **Really want for this to be successful**
            1. More important than Halloween candy donations
            2. We want this to be at the forefront because Erie families are also depending on these meals, not just our general community
        iv. Personal Development Staff Meeting this past Tuesday
            1. What can we do to support our Erie families?
                a. "Share and Care" to take Christmas out of the name for families who celebrate other holidays
                b. Can start with staff and PTO this year
                c. Collect needed items
        v. Good Fellows did a coat drive for our families
        vi. Shop with a Cop - will hear how that went soon
    d. School Culture
        i. First PBIS assembly tomorrow!
            1. So happy to have our shirts!
            2. This is a character building program with a new word each month
            3. This month was "patience"
        ii. Watch DOGS and MOMS
            1. Would LOVE to have parking lot help, especially in mornings!
            2. No staff can tend the drive around due to being in classrooms
            3. Safeties have commented that drivers are continuously driving through walking areas and it isn't safe for our students/parents
            4. Safeties have completed all drills for 2026 (fire, weather, lock down)
        iii. 4 and 5 grade play try outs coming soon!
2. Meeting Topics
    a. Soar-A-Thon Recap
        i. Great success, exceeded last year's total but we did not meet our goal
        ii. We have more students enrolled this year and it was based on a per student goal

iii. Coach's Ice Cream incentive was fantastic!
iv. Our students had a great time as well as PTO staff and Mrs Bisson who came along
v. Remaining prizes to go out this week
vi. Movie scheduled for November 24 and flyers are going out to those who earned this incentive this week
vii. Principal's lunch incentive, date to be determined

b. Halloween Hop Recap
   i. Event was great!
   ii. *Parent suggestion* Can we have a marker or tape on the floor to indicate where lines are? Many found themselves standing in lines that weren't really lines or lines had merged for multiple activities
   iii. Profit was $1709.90!
c. Restaurant Night: Hungry Howie's this Friday, November 6
   i. Multiple locations and can order from open to close!
   ii. If this goes well, we will work with them again
d. Donut Day
   i. November 6 and November 20
   ii. Pre-order has been great
   iii. Dozens of excess was taken to senior centers last few years and this eliminates that and allows us to not waste funds as well
e. Picture Retakes next Friday, November 13
   i. Changed from original schedule of Nov 12 due to school field trip to CVHS for Frozen musical
f. Spiritwear
   i. Tentative pickup from vendor on November 13
   ii. Unknown if orders will be presorted and bagged
      1. If not, we will need time to complete that and then all products will be sent home right away
g. Great Skate
   i. First party next Saturday, November 14 from 4:30-6:30pm
      1. Inexpensive night out
      2. Whole rink is reserved for Erie family and friends ONLY
h. Santa Shop coming soon
   i. December 1-3 and setup November 30
   ii. Will need volunteers
      1. Some parents have been waiting for volunteer opportunities (no donut day volunteers this year with streamlined ordering/packing/etc)
      2. This is a great opportunity for those who want to help
      3. Must have CRC on file!
i. Restaurant Night
   i. December 3 - Carlos Pizza
      1. Supporting local restaurants and many like different pizza places so we did Hungry Howie's and are also doing Carlos
   ii. December 19 - Texas Roadhouse in Chesterfield
      1. Can order to go and get at drive-up window

        2. Gift cards included
        3. 11am-4pm
3. Treasurer's Report
    a. Budget Review and Approval
        i. Do not have an actual report today due to Soar-A-Thon
            1. We have to complete our fundraiser with them before we know our total from that event
            2. They reduce a fee to be paid to plan for next year if using them again
            3. We have been exploring different platforms that may suit our school better
        ii. Due to not meeting Soar-A-Thon goal, we will revert teacher reimbursements to $175 from $200
            1. $200 was dependent on meeting goal
        iii. Field trips are split with school
        iv. We always support our staff, priority
        v. Added category for profit this year
            1. Pencil Grams, earned $250!
4. Open Discussion
    a. Pencil Grams: can we do this more often? During conferences?
        i. Yes, great idea!
        ii. Ms Vens does them several times a year to support the music program
            1. Candy Grams for holidays
            2. Valentine Grams for Valentine's Day
    b. When will Mom-Son event be?
        i. Unconfirmed date, but will be in March 2027
        ii. Will be at Zap Zone again, families enjoyed this last year
    c. Cutting Edge Gym Jams?
        i. We have done them in the past, not much participation
        ii. Small space, not much room for parents to attend and be present
        iii. Public event, not private for our families which can be overwhelming and we always lean towards safety for our students
    d. Kids Empire or Pump it Up?
        i. Do these places offer day pass sales for a fundraiser and then families can go on their own?
        ii. Great idea! We will look into this. Could possibly be an option.