

STEM
PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 1, 2014

1. Welcome PTO Executive Board
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Melinda Arnold. PTO Executive Team members in attendance: Melinda Arnold, Linda Dellett. School administration team: Kellie Lauth.

2. Updates from the Principal Kellie Lauth
 - a. 3rd grade student, Kylin presented his very own non-profit organization “Metal Mission” in which he is the CEO
 - i. Collect cans and other metal products and donate the proceeds to charity. Cows, chickens and goats are donated to individuals in Uganda through the money gained. Approximately \$125 each year, through cans, junk metal, etc.
 1. The School will donate metal and host some metal days to help the project, with efforts to squeeze a metal drive in by the end of the year.
 - ii. Morgridge Family Foundation – Carrie Morgridge has asked Kylin to co-author a chapter in a book she is writing, Chapter 8 “small givings”.
 - b. Assessments for Elementary students May 10th – regular day for middle school
 - c. May 8th – Morgridge Family Foundation visit – They will be bringing individuals from George Washington University, CEO from Rosetta Stone, possibly Arnie Duncan, US Secretary of Education
 - d. May 13th – Cardboard challenge
 - e. Family Night May 15th, 6-8 pm in the library – new families that have choiced in to the school for the 2014-15 school year.
 - f. May 16
 - i. Field Day – K-5 students
 - ii. Fun Run – 5:15-6:00 pm, 96 participants signed up. 3½ mile loop around the neighborhood (never cross major streets). There will be staff and adults on bikes monitoring the path to ensure students are safe and having fun.
 1. Goodie bags and prizes given out to participants and top racers.
 - iii. Food Revolution Event – Jamie Oliver
 1. Drive to eat healthier – create a culture that promotes
 - a. Sonja will look into it to the event to see what it entails and determine if it’s appropriate for the school to sign up.

- g. May 21 – Family Fair, 4-6 p.m. – connect our ‘family’ with local resources
 - i. Community Resources of all types and sizes – wellness (healthy food give outs, smoothies), Thornton Police Department (cyber crime), Comcast (essential internet – internet access for low-income individuals) , Dream Act (lawyers coming in), Dental free screenings (mobile bus)
 - ii. Additional ideas please send them to Nalleli at val018601@adams12.org
- h. May 22 – last day of school for 8th graders
 - i. TCAP Data for 3rd grade reading preliminary results are in. Results show an increase and STEM Launch ranks the highest of Title 1 schools in the district. Very proud of team and students with this accomplishment.

3. Year End Financial Balance

Linda Dellett

- a. Targeting to have year end cash at \$3000. We still have about \$600 that we can utilize in grants this year if requests come in.

4. Grants Update Melinda Arnold

- a. Year to date the PTO has awarded roughly \$10,900 resulting in approximately 1,100 unique learning experiences!

5. Updates from the PTO Leadership Team PTO Leadership Team

- a. Target Red Cards – 30 families -are signed up and \$500 is sitting in the Target account. A check will be distributed to the school in August.
- b. Skate City – August 30 was successful with over 50 children participating. The PTO earned \$112.50
 - i. May 14 - Skate City for Middle School students
- c. SWELL Picnic – 6pm on Tuesday, May 6. 2nd annual event! This year, the picnic will serve at the kick-off for the school’s wellness program. Families should bring a picnic, blanket, and something fun to do (a football to toss around, hula-hoops, bubbles, etc.). A raffle will be held for families who pack a meal with one serving each of a fruit and veggie per member of the family. Prize is a basket of healthy foods! There will also be information for families around healthy choices.
 - i. Raffle Table
 - ii. South –East end of building near the playground
- d. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5-9
 - i. Smoothies after school on Wednesday, May 7 – before Professional Development. Supplies and donations are needed, please visit the [sign up sheet](#) for details.
- e. “Bike or walk to school day” – Wednesday, May 7 at 7am
 - i. Meeting at Anythink Library, students can ride their bikes or walk along the path to the school.

1. Students can check their bikes inside the school in room B110. Bikes will be tagged with appropriate owners name and will be stored there for the day.
 2. Kids get a sticker for participating
- f. "Fuel Up to Play 60"
- i. Applied for grant for health and wellness, for more information visit their website at <http://www.fueluptoplay60.com/>
 - ii. 9 Health Fair in October 10 (takes place on a no student day) anticipate hundred of participants
- g. The school was awarded "Cooking Matters" a 6-week cooking course that will focus on 5 families cooking healthy meals.

6. PTO Elections & Voting PTO Executive Board

- a. There have been no nomination forms turned in to date for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. As mentioned at the last several meetings current Executive Board Members are not running for office next year. Unfortunately, the current team is unsure of the future of the PTO and how it will continue in its current capacity.
 - i. The Board encouraged members in attendance to talk to friends and possibly volunteer to help with smaller components of day to day PTO Operations.
 - ii. If anyone is interested please contact president@stemlaunchpto.org, secretary@stemlaunchpto.org or treasurer@stemlaunchpto.org. Though voting period has passed, the Executive Board and Principal will review applicants and determine appointments.
 - iii. The office for current Executive Board members goes through June and they will determine what the next steps are and will communicate with PTO roster through email, newsletter and website for future activities, etc.
- b. The PTO will advertise and market to new members and potential board members at upcoming events including SWELL picnic, Family Fair (5/21) and on the school website.
- c. Create video and special service announcement promoting the PTO and what we do.

7. Q&A

- a. Michelle Priola solicited ideas for after school activities for next year
 - i. Art Club (elementary and middle school)
 - ii. Robotics Club (elementary and middle school)
 - iii. Online Spanish course – during Launch Plus next school year
 1. Also helps keep the Spanish speaking students engaged in academics
 - iv. of Textiles – along the same lines of fashion design

- v. Paint the Town Event – graffiti event - reuse canvas and take photos of digital
- vi. Music classes before and after school
- vii. Dance Club
- viii. Cooking Club
- ix. Yoga and martial arts

8. Adjourn

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm