

Mohegan School PTO

Initial meeting of 2021-2022 PTO Board on Wednesday July 6, 2021 at 6:15

Meeting called to order by Co-Presidents Anabella Testani and Suzy DaSilva

Attendance: Lisa Brady, Stephanie Littrell, Cristiana Dell'Orco, Kerrie Cortigiano

PTO Board agreed to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held in person if possible either at the school or the outdoor classroom. Virtual meetings can be held during inclement weather or if COVID regulations do not allow in school meets.

- 6:30 for Board members
- 7:00 Parents

First PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 5th

Topics discussed were fundraising ideas and school events for the first few months. We will continue to plan based off of past PTO calendars

September

- Bring back Kindergarten playdates. Darla Lussier approved this and the tentative date will be September 3rd. There will be 3 time slots for each Kindergarten class and each class will be represented by color:
 - Yamnicky - Red
 - Nardone - Blue
 - New Teacher - Green

Times are as follows and will be assigned to classes at a later date:

5-5:30

5:45-6:15

6:30-7

Some PTO Board members will be in attendance at this event and PTO will provide popsicles for Kindergarten students. Playground will need to be checked prior to ensure it is clean, weeded, etc.

- PTO provides lunch for faculty and staff on their Teacher Workday
- Welcome signs for Kindergarteners, Welcome Back signs for all students to start the year. We need to find out budget and get pricing to have signs set up
- PTO will provide a Welcome Back note with a smencil for each student on their first day
- Bring back family picnic. Darla Lussier approved this and the tentative date will be September 17th 5:30-7:30. Event will either be Bring Your Own Picnic or possibly order a pizza through PTO prior
- Organize a committee plan Spring Fling
- Jessica Montero will be Room Sponsor Liaison
- PTO will look into sharing Teacher Wishlists (from Amazon or other) to families at the beginning of the school year. This will be shared from PTO or from Room Parent Liaison through Room Sponsors
- Organize Scholastic Book Fair Committee. Book Fair should be the same night as Back To School if being held in person.
- Bring back Dad's Club. Possible event could be landscaping refurb for front of school
- Reach out to Gwen Jones regarding Yearbook

October

- Parent Night Out...possible date of October 1st. Lisa will look into Jones Winery as a tentative spot
- Trunk or Treat
 - Darla Lussier approved date of October 30th
 - Outdoor event to be used as a fundraiser
- Boon Fundraiser...look into how this is run and distributed to families

November

- Look into local restaurants to see if they will partner with Mohegan to donate a portion of proceeds on a date in November. One possible restaurant to look into is Little Barn. Suzy DaSilva will look into contacting that establishment

- Bring back Boys Choice with new name to be decided on later. Make it a dance theme and look into possible venues to host this event (along with the Sweetheart Dance) if families are not allowed in the building due to COVID regulations
- Clarify if JA in a day is in the fall or spring. If it is in the fall a possible date would be in November

Fundraising ideas

- Preschool Playground Renovation Wishlist...is this something we want to promote or hold off due to state accreditation
- Sensory Hallway...what can we do to make this happen
- Plant sale to be held in the spring using the outdoor classroom as a possible location

Next PTO Board meeting will be held on Tuesday August 3rd at 6:15 at Wellington's

Minutes compiled by: Kerrie Cortigiano Recording Secretary