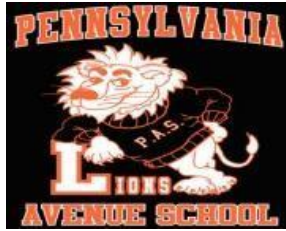


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- ❖ **Date:** October 6, 2021 (Johanna did the Pledge of Allegiance)
- ❖ **Meeting Called to Order by:** (P) Johanna Tapia, President, at **6:36 pm**
- ❖ **Executive Members in Attendance:** (P) Johanna Tapia, Gaudy Szpond, Tricia Arredondo, Gerard Palmeri, Pablo Tapia, JoyAnne Barrett, Mrs. Clyne, Mr. Leusen, Principal.
- ❖ **Pledge Of Allegiance:** (All)
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting:** (RS)
  - 1st Motion to Approve:** First Meeting of The Year – Unnecessary
  - 2nd Motion to Approve:** N/A
- ❖ **Treasurer's Statements:** (Gerry Palmeri, Treasurer)
  - **-PTO balance:** \$23,042
  - **-PTO Goals:** \$22,621
  - Gerry to explain the presentation format to the floor.
  - Also, introducing Pablo Tapia as the new Co-Treasurer who will be taking over throughout the year.
- ❖ **Reading of Communications:** (JoyAnne Barrett, Recording Secretary)
  - Nothing for communication at this time
  - Links for memberships and current events will be listed below at bottom of minutes.

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### ***❖ New Dates to Remember: (VP)***

- Oct 4- Oct 15 Spirit Wear Sale
- Oct 11- Oct 12 Picture Days
- Oct 11- Last Day to Order 5th Grade Pumpkins
- Oct 14 - Jon Smith's Subs Day 2-8pm
- Oct 18- Ciro's Restaurant Day
- Oct 18- 5th Grade Pumpkins Delivered to Classes
- Oct 19-21- Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 19- Evening Scholastic Book Fair 5:30PM-7:30PM
- Oct 20- Nov 2- ONLINE Scholastic Bookfair
- Oct 25- Pictures of Pumpkins Due for Contest
- Oct 29- Trunk or Treat 5:30pm-7:30pm
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### ***❖ PTO Meeting dates - (VP)***

- Wednesday, November 10 @ 6:30PM
- Wednesday, December 8 @ 6:30PM

### ***❖ Comments from the President: (P)***

- Welcome everyone to Pennsylvania Ave 1<sup>st</sup> PTO meeting of the 2021-2022 year. Thank you to all that have filled out our PTO membership forms and return the due amount. For those that have not done so yet and are interested please visit our PTO website or the school's website and follow the PTO link. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce this year's Executive Board Members:
- I am Johanna Tapia and I am your PTO President as well as the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade Coordinator, Translator and Lead Parent (K-2)
- Gaudy Szpond- Co-President, Field Day Chair, 2nd Grade- Grade Parent

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### **❖ Comments from the President(cont.):** (P)

- Tricia Arrendondo- Vice President, Historian, Color Run Chair, Multicultural Night Chair, Lead Parent (3-5)
- Gerry Palmeri- Treasurer, Back to School Supply Kits Chair, Trunk o Treat Chair
- Pablo Tapia- Co-Treasurer
- Joy Barrett- Recording Secretary, Social Media, Spiritwear Chair, 5th Grade Grade Parent.
- As in every year, everyone in the Executive Board will also fill in as needed on any chairs not filled.
- I would also like to announce that Payal Patel has resigned under good standing as our Co-Vice President and Membership Chair.

Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to use the PTO Website as well as the School Website. Please also make sure to follow the PTO Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter accounts to stay up to date. As well as sign up for our Remind alerts.

Thank you!

### **❖ Recording Secretary, Joy Barrett to The Chairs & Floor:** (RS)

- Reminder #1 : To all chairs, please give all event information and send flyers, electronic notices, letters and public/school related posts to our Vice President, at pennave27vp@gmail.com and she along with the Recording Secretary will review prior to final approval by Mr. Leusen.
- Reminder #2: When it's your turn to speak please state your name as well as try to limit your notices, questions and concerns to 1-2 minutes. If need be, you can always directly email the Executive PTO Board or Principal Leusen with a private concern or to speak further. We would like to try to keep these meetings as short as possible and this will help to ensure this.

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### ***❖ Chairpersons Reports/updates : (LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.):***

- Back to School Night: 50/50 collected \$35 worth of tickets, paid out \$16 to the winner, PTO Profit was \$15. (Joy)
- Membership: At Back To School Night we acquired 135 total PTO members, 99 families. With a total of \$605 in Membership Sales. Fyi, this PTO meeting was open to all to encourage people to join PTO, in the future all PTO meetings will be open to Paid PTO Members only. (Gerry)
- Spiritwear: At Back To School Night Spiritwear brought in \$580. We had some previous spirit wear on hand as well as purchased \$300 in Spirit wear to get ready for this event, Bringing in a total of \$280 profit. We will also be having a spirit wear sale Oct 4-15. Orders can be placed online or via the flyer that was sent home with your child. There will be free shipping during the sale only.(Joy)
- Restaurant Nights: Ciro's is projected to average about \$50- \$70 a month in fundraising through them, where we receive 10% of all food purchased the date of the event and we will be reserved for two Monday's at Ciro's for this month. We are also having a Restaurant Day at Jon Smith's Subs where we'll receive 20% of all food purchased between the hours of 2-8pm on the night of the event. (Dates listed above in New Dates to Remember.)(Tricia)
- Hospitality: Hospitality supplied a nice spread of fruit, bagels, donuts & coffee for our teachers and staff to welcome them back for the first day of school. (Vanessa)

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### ***❖ Chairpersons Reports/Updates : (LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.):***

- Book Fair : Book fair will be held in person from 10/19-10/22 in the All Purpose Room during school. There will be one evening to come in on Tuesday, Oct 19th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The Book Fair is LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. EMAIL VANESSA. Our online Book fair will be held from 10/20-11/02. We also have \$2,372.08 in scholastic dollars that have been sent to the Principal for approval of the funds to be spent. (Vanessa)
- MR. LEUSEN- FOR BOOK FAIR MONEY-I think the best course of action is dividing up the money and having the teachers use it to build libraries in their classrooms. In the past it was for birthday books but some kids got shorted because of having birthdays in the summer, however this way it becomes more equal for everyone.
- 5th Grade Coordinator: A 5th Grade fundraiser, The Pumpkin Painting Fundraiser, is already started for the year to align with Halloween. Flyers for that have already gone out. The 5th Grade Co-Coordinaors, in agreement with the Executive Board, have secured a yearbook proposal for approval to the Principal. Lastly, the 5th Grade Co-Coordinaors, Johanna Tapia & Unnati Shah have sent out a flyer to all the 5th grade parents inviting anyone that is interested in being on the 5th Grade Committee to contact them. Once we have ppl, we'll schedule a meeting. (Johanna/Unnati)
- Color Run: (Tricia/Chantle/Maribel)
- We had the color run on Sat Oct 2nd. We had approx 270 ppl. It was very profitable. We brought in over \$3500+ and had 15 teachers and staff help. Still have powder for next year.
- Hiccups from the board to get approval for things.

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### **❖ Chairpersons Reports/Updates (cont.): (LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES:**

- We had issues with communication. Not being able to communicate directly with the Principle. Can we get that streamlined for the next event please?
- Mr. Leusen- What we have discussed is that we will have one main point of contact to email me. Basically that being the PTO President. Though fundraising, events and flyers will still need to report to the Vice President who will still communicate those needs to the rest of the Executive Board, and the Vice President will send to me as needed. Also, Social Media/Technology(Recording Secretary) and Treasurer will communicate with me as needed for their needs.
- Chantle- We had Membership issues during our event, because we looked like idiots.
- Gerry- going forward we will give a list from membership to the chairs
- Payal this is clearly about me.
- Tricia
- Leusen- Also if you plan on volunteering on the school you need to get a badge
- .Trunk Or Treat: The Trunk or Treat will be on October 29th from 5:30-7:30pm. We are happy to announce that there will also be a hay ride this year in lieu of our haunted maze. Ms Lowrie was kind enough to help with securing the hayride. We are asking for everyone to bring cars to decorate and arrive at 5:00pm as well as each child participating to bring a 24oz bag of candy. Last year we had 34 cars. I'll be sending out a flyer with info to get a count soon. (Gerry)
- Leusen- I believe a teacher was a winner two years ago? All the kids voted.
- There will be a dj. Mrs. Davenport volunteers her husband to DJ.

### **❖ Do Any Other Chairs Need To Report Anything?**

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### **❖ New Business/Old Business: (LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.)**(Recording Secretary)

- Tricia- Mr. Scalia has asked the PTO for \$500 out of goals for recess equipment. (Leusen- indoor games, dvds, hula hoops. Every two or
- three years we refurbish needs, etc. Mr. Scalia will help give input with a list of what may be needed.) The vote has been set to the floor and voted on and approved.
- There is a Chair open For Sheferstein Thanksgiving Pies- Lilliana has offered to chair this event.
- Tricia- The amendments in bylaws?
- Gerry- Goals raising money for the past ten years have been for a school sign. Last two years we have not had enough volunteers to run this committee. Pablo along with Anthony Terebesky will be working on it this year. I'm sure they could use some help. It was decided not to do the electronic route.
- Tricia- to Jennifer davenport- You asked, why don't we have a playground- JD- I can probably leverage them(company) to get us a playground.
- Leusen-From what I understand the playground across the street was put in as ours initially but it's actually the townships now. But I can mention it to Massimeno and I can ask. I'll look into it.
- Leusen- we do use the park across the street to play though because they can handle it a bit better however it is considered township property.

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### ***❖ Principal's Comments: Mr. Thomas Leusen, Principal:***

- It is wonderful seeing everyone in person. I like it better than zoom. I appreciate everyone showing up.
- Very pleased with safety protocols in person. Full day every day in person with lunches. The credit goes to you. When we have 300 something kids there's only so much space and kids have been really great. Biggest thing is that kids are so resilient. Kids roll with
- The punches, they amaze me every day. They go with flow. 99% of the time with no issues.
- They are happy. I see it in their eyes. They are happy to be in school even with huge adjustments. Now that we're in the first week of October everyone is settled in routines. We have 6 kindergarten classes. 1st graders, no recess. It takes kids 5 weeks to learn how to play. It takes training. It's amazing how quickly they learn.
- Open house was great, thank you to everyone on pto who arranged that. Teachers had a lot of positive feedback.
- Lunches had a lot of feedback in town. It was addressed by BOE. We're breaking away from Chartwells, I don't know who it'll be, but you'll be notified. Free lunch for everyone. I give out breakfast in the morning. I'm the breakfast lady. Lol. They love it.
- Academic initiatives, students took linkit in September. Rethink Ed is a social emotional learning platform - all personnel have access to. Once every couple weeks age level is appropriate. Kids get to learn about teachers, teachers get to learn about kids. This shows coping skills. It is district wide. Next week we will do the start strong assessment for 4& 5 njlsa federal assessment for funding to see the gap in the learning process because going to school at home is not the same as going to school at school. Not linked to any grade or identification or evaluation. One hour test in one day.



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### **❖ Principal's Comments: Mr. Thomas Leusen, Principal:**

- Diversity & equity was a couple weeks ago. It's fantastic. I know you may see that some things may not be for younger kids but I assure
- you it just means respect. It will be a month to month year long program.
- The Ned program was today as well. It's a cool assembly that was virtual that sent a positive message.
- Hispanic heritage month- kids working on projects
- Extremely busy September and turning into extremely busy Oct.
- Color run was fabulous. Thank you Tricia, Maribel, Chantle. Teachers, parents, everyone loved it. My daughter loved it. Great job ladies!
- Mrs Bronco thank you hospitality and anyone that pitched in as well
- Picture day is coming
- Start strong assessment is coming
- Trunk or treat is coming and will be great
- Mr scalia beat me to my ask
- Reiterate thank you for a successful six weeks
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- ❖ **Concerns from other Committee Chairs(cont.):** (If not urgent, please speak with the Executive Board separately.) **(IF SPEAKING LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.) Please ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME PRIOR TO YOUR QUESTION/COMMENT.** (RS)

- Larissa- absentee policy question? What happens? What do we do?
- L- I haven't heard if it is relaxed. I would imagine if you think your child is sick, keep your kid home. The rule is 18 days. But I also keep in consideration the doctor's notes. I also don't have a definitive answer from the state. A lot of kids have allergies and stuffy noses but I think a fever is the biggest tell. If your kid has a fever, definitely keep them home.
- Chelsey Campan- if your child is in close contact , do they have to quarantine as well?
- L-if your child is eating next to that kid in the apr room then yes - however kids are having lunch in classrooms- we organize this on purpose. Quarantine is 14 days. It would be the same if they are sitting directly next to a child but not the whole class. We organize and monitor very closely how kids are in contact. And keep it limited.
- Is there staggered eating?
- L-everyone eats at the same time? 20 minutes- we'll reinforce this too. Get lunch, eat. No one should be out of their seat without a mask on.
- And we still have to have recess.
- Maribel- still using wipes?
- L-yes. And buildings are still sanitized twice a week with biospray. All the ppe gear. We have masks and teachers have masks.
- Chantle- lead parent and grade parent positions are two positions (explaining them) so last year we voted for lead parents and I brought it to Sue's attention. (that the president, Co president and Vice president all had in charge executive roles as well as delegating Lead Parent roles.) I think it is a conflict of interest that

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- the executive board, specifically the president(s)/vice presidents hold in charge roles and then still hold the same in charge roles that they would have to report to themselves to. I think a lot of new ppl especially would step up to take these positions so there isn't a conflict of interest.
- Chantle-I would also like to make an amendment to change the bylaws. To avoid this conflict.
- Johanna- so the position for lead parent was decided because no one else wanted it. Sue offered it to me as she had done in years past and no one else accepted the nomination so I did.
- Tricia- I have a form that explains. The form explains everything.
- L- just so I understand, grade level communication to grade teachers, lead parent communicates with Pto
- Lilliana- i think it's a lot of ping ponging around.
- Leusen- i think grade level filled a lot of roles.
- Tricia- I don't think we need a lead parent
- Joy- Lead parent used to have a specific role prior to joining the pto and would report to Mr. Leusen independently, I agree, it's position now is actually a moot point.
- Chantle is putting it to the floor to vote to amend the bylaws and take away the Lead Parent Position.
- Parent in Back (unknown name)- Generally regarding bylaws, a motion to amend is sent in writing to the executive board and submitted to the bylaws committee to review then an announcement for vote is proposed.
- Gerry- I too thought we had to have a bylaws committee meeting? We'll have to research bylaws rules a bit to have an answer for this.
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- Leusen-How about we put this out to our next meeting to amend the bylaws?
- Lilliana- I want to make a motion to dissolve the lead parent position
- Lilliana's motion to dissolve the lead parent role is seconded by Maribel V and multiple other ppl.
- Payal - can this be discussed for next year's position instead? **(RS Editing Note: Technically this should not have been able to happen since a motion to dissolve was already 2nded by multiple Trustees and that should have gone to vote first.)**
- Mr. Leusen agrees with the postponement suggestion.
- 7 ppl vote for end of year
- 5 ppl vote for now
- Dissolvment of lead parent position moved to end of year.
- Payal- class parents that checked off on Membership form will be honored as class parents?
- Johanna- yes
- Question- is there a class parents limit atm?
- L-Not really since at this time since we're not currently having class parents come into the building anyway. **(RS Editing Note: According to the Bylaws, "There will be a maximum of 4 class parents per classroom. Class parents are chosen in collaboration with teachers and Lead Parents".)**
- Tricia will send out a class parent letter sign up sheet for those who have missed the membership sign up sheet.

- ❖ **Final Comments from the Presidents:**

- Thank you for attending. I think that will be it, want to call this meeting, Joy?

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**Adjourn Meeting:** Time Called: 8:07**PM** by Joy Barrett, Recording Secretary

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### **LINKS**

Penn Ave Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/PennAve27PTO>

Penn Ave PTO Website Link:

<https://pennave27pto.wixsite.com/pennave27pto>

Link for Membership:

<https://pennave27pto.wixsite.com/pennave27pto/pto-membership>

Link for Meeting Minutes:

<https://pennave27pto.wixsite.com/pennave27pto/pto-meeting-minutes>

Link for Flyers:

<https://pennave27pto.wixsite.com/pennave27pto/flyers>

Link to View By-Laws 2021 (Can also go directly to PS27 School Website & view under Documents>PTO.):

<https://www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us/o/pennave27/browse/138165>

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**Members In Attendance on 10-6-21:**

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PTO Attendance Sheet				
Meeting Date: 10/6/2021				
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