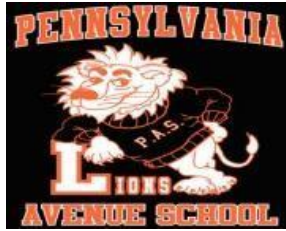


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- ❖ **Date:** May 24, 2021
- ❖ **Meeting Called to Order by:** Joy Barrett, Recording Secretary, at 6:33 pm
- ❖ **Executive Members in Attendance:** Susan Palmeri, Michelle Pires, Gerard Palmeri, JoyAnne Barrett, Mrs. Clyne, Mr. Leusen, Principal.

- ❖ **Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting:**
 - 1st Motion to Approve:** Yes
 - 2nd Motion to Approve:** Yes

- ❖ **Treasurer's Statements:** (Gerry Palmeri, Treasurer)
 - **-PTO balance:** \$25,104
 - **-PTO Goals:** \$22,978
 - More fundraising has come in now and has been added to the balance and goals. Added more from Paypal as well. Doesn't include what could be made the rest of this year. Goodies we dedicated to fifth grade. These numbers will remain pretty close till the end of the year.

- ❖ **Reading of Communications:** (JoyAnne Barrett, Recording Secretary)
 - Many teachers have emailed and sent cards to the PTO to thank us for the beautiful display put out for them on Teacher Appreciation Week. They are truly touched.

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- We received private messages from individuals from the local Colonia community praising our PTO for successful social media fundraising promotions.
- Links for memberships and current events will be listed below at bottom of minutes.

❖ New Dates to Remember: (VP)

- May 27th Red, White and Blue Day
- Restaurant Nights: Every Monday at Ciro's (flyers will be sent out via email, Remind & social media.)
- No School May 28- Jun 1 (Memorial Weekend)
- Friday, June 11, 2021 PTO Appreciation Breakfast (Outside on Lower Grade Blacktop) @ 9:15am.
- June 18 - Last Day of School
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❖ PTO Meeting dates - (VP)

- Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 6:30PM (Zoom)

❖ Comments from the President:

- Wanted to thank the Hospitality committee run by Vanessa Branco and everyone who donated time and items to help make the teachers feel extra appreciated during Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers could not stop thanking the PTO for their generosity and kindness.
- Congratulations to all 4th grade and 5th grade Elementary National Honor Society inductees and their families. A thank you to Maribel Valezquez for the beautiful balloon torch displays. We did hold the 50/50 during 4th grade induction and the PTO and lucky winner both earned \$90. Thank you for your participation.

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- Nominees were contacted and acceptances or a decline is needed by tomorrow Tuesday May 25, 2021 so a voting ballot can be created and sent out.
- To be able to give the next meeting to the executive board and chairs.

❖ Comments from the President (cont.)

- The ByLaw committee met over the past week or so and revised the bylaws based on suggestions that were sent in from the Board of Trustees. We put a lot of time and effort into updating the bylaws. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.
- Blacktop will be bagels and donuts as a thank you to all of our committee chairs. Please join us.

❖ Recording Secretary Joy Barrett to The Chairs & Floor:

- Reminder #1 : To all chairs, please send flyers, electronic notices, letters and public/school related posts to our Vice President, at pennave27vp@outlook.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 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 Zoom 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.):

- Spiritwear: Spiritwear brought in an additional \$20.00 from On Hand Orders last month as well as \$28 from selling magnets at the 4th grade ENHS Ceremony. (Joy)
- Restaurant Nights: Ciro's is still averaging about \$70 a month in fundraising through them and we will continue to be reserved for Mondays at Ciro's for June. We did very well switching it up on Thursday's for our Restaurant Night's and hope to do more in the future. (Dates listed above in New Dates to Remember.)(Joy)
- Hospitality: We were able to use some of the restaurant gift cards received from 80's night to feed our teachers last month and the rest helped with Teacher Appreciation Week as well as received a lot of donations from the school which helped create a huge success for Teacher Appreciation Week.

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

- 5th grade coordinator: Fundraising for 5th grade is done. Thank you to all the fifth grade families and other supportive Penn Ave families that have helped contribute to this success. 5th grade shirts were delivered today, if you didn't receive today, you should receive shortly and Yearbooks should be arriving soon. A picnic is in the works for the 5th graders as well. Details to follow shortly. (Connie

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Maskel)(Michelle Pires speaking for Connie who is unable to attend the meeting.)

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

- Updated 2021 Bylaws were emailed to everyone for review and we will now have a formal vote to pass them, will anyone second that notion?
- Lilliana and Johanna seconded that notion.

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

- Tshirts will be going home this week. Yearbooks will be going home on the 2nd to last day of school along with the picnic.
- Thank you so much for all of the appreciation, principal appreciation and teacher appreciation, out of the 4 years, I must say this year, you guys have definitely outdone yourselves, Mrs. Bronco, you've outdone yourselves.
- Off friday and Monday
- Off in person June 8th as well for primary will be a virtual remote day
- I'm assuming Dr. Zega will make everyone aware but i'm making aware in meantime.

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- This summer we will have a summer school in person for those struggling 1 of 4 . 27, 11, 14, 29
- We will Host 21,22,20, hosting Colonia all of July
- District will provide Imagine Learning. Students can Participate at their own time.
- Summer learning as well.
- Students devices- all kids will keep those devices except 5th graders who will return the last week of school. 8th graders will return to middle school, etc.. for imagine learning. Etc.
- A lot of news lately. Some semblance of normal currently. Golf ,crowded fairways, baseball full field, we don't realize until it comes back how much you missed it. Gov murphy. Announced masks are still mandatory for all.
- Next year will not have a virtual option.
- We will plan for the regular school year for all 350 kids and proceed accordingly.
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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.**

- Payal, lilli,johanna, christine rawson=
- Is there anything happening for the end of the year?
- Yes I was initially planning something for the kids but didn't want to be negligent for remote students but will leave it up to each class and also I believe we are getting an ice cream truck the last days of school.

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- Chantle- ice cream truck?
- LI=yes 5th grade is sharing
- Mindy- i know policy has been no goody bags but can policy change?
- L- I will reach out to weinstein to find out about potential and find out at the end of week.
- Chantel-
Only bylaws question, why top three on election from nomination?
Sue- we currently don't have this problem, however even for the last 7 years we've never had accepting, it always ends up being the top 3.
- Chantel-

Wants to make an amendment and it was voted for on the floor by Chantle Leeman and seconded by Gerry Palmeri : in voting all accepted nominees will be placed on the voting ballot for that position. No opposition. Under elections, article 7, elections a in bylaws.

Leusen- I know when I first came to school there was a lot of talk regarding the school sign, I would ask the PTO to consider replacing the sign. I don't think we need a super fancy electronic sign, if we were on a busy road it would make sense but it doesn't for us, but something newer.

Gerry- the only reason we haven't gotten an electronic one currently is resourcing. I would like to set up goals for a committee for that to have ppl volunteer?

L -great

Christine rawson- I know a few printers so I could possibly help.

Mr. Terebesky- before ryan got sick i replaced it and prior to september i can temporarily repair it.

L- absolutely thank you,

Chantle- bylaws. Percentage of funds go to things.

gerry/sue- 1% of goals goes into sunshine that allows pto to give funds but allows a max.

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Tricia- leusen said not to report all together. Will that be 5 full days in person?

L- i imagine yes- but i will await superintendent.

Karen - wants to know if PTO meetings will stay virtual?

L- That will be up to next year's PTO board, however, I think this zoom is much more convenient.

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❖ Final Comments from the Presidents:

- Thank you for the support even through these tough times, Thank you for attending. I think that will be it, want to call it Joy?

Adjourn Meeting: Time Called: **7:13PM** 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 for 5th Grade Booster:

<https://pennave27pto.wixsite.com/pennave27pto/basic-11>

Link to View By-Laws 2017 (Can also go directly to PS27 School Website & view under Documents>PTO.):

<https://www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us/o/pennave27/browse/138166>