

MINUTES

Thornebrooke PTO Board Meeting – video conference

Date | time 09/24/2020 / 8:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Karissa Martin & Dena Reyes – Co-presidents at 8:01 pm

In Attendance

Dena Reyes, Karissa Martin, Toniann Lentine, Allison McMullan, Lauren Whittington, Laura Van Baalen, Jennifer Julian, Danielle McCoy, Jussara Post, Jennifer Elzeer, Lili Brown, Allison Taliaferro, Amanda Rearden, Adrien Hadley, Liz Rusnak, Kristi McCollum, Kristin Allgire, Kristine Skelin, Adriana Alipizar, Jane Ribley, Marla Sachs, Lindsay Roth, Kimberlie Reinhardt, Monica Emery, Julie Soares, Lisa Hiracheta, Camelle Littschwager, Brendalee Hidalgo, Catherine Gall, Ariyuri Rawlinson, Rakhi Patel, Ro Norman, Tara Drewes, Mr. Daniels

***General Meeting held via Zoom video conference due to OCPS school closure**

Welcome and Call to Order – Dena Reyes & Karissa Martin

- Dena welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the call.
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Principal's Report – Mr. Christopher Daniels

- There are many things going on this week.
- He thinks DanceFit will be fun and memorable. We are trying not to pressure anyone due to the needs at home and at work.
- Things going on/ still making improvements: Fiberoptics for the Wifi is almost completed. This will hopefully help with the connectivity issues for LaunchEd students. Third grade Smart Boards were delayed as they are slightly different from other grades. They have been ordered and hope to be installed soon. They are starting to unconnect 3 of the 5 portables that will be leaving.
- Getting ready for good number of kids coming back to F2f from LaunchEd. A lot of questions he has received: if my teacher goes back F2F, I would like to go with them. We still don't know yet. There are a lot of things they still need to work out and they will give us more information as they receive it.
- We had iReady Diagnostic and the students are in very good shape compared to other schools. They are further ahead than we thought they would be in reading. The gap was in math, but that was expected nationwide for all students: too long of a break will have repercussions when it comes to math. He is very proud of the students.
- LaunchEd students are doing great, mostly due to parent involvement.
- Mr. Daniels opens the floor for questions:
- **Question:** Are you able to share the number of students moving from LaunchEd to F2F?
 - **Answer:** He will say between 20-40 students. We are lower than many schools.
- **Question:** Will the LaunchEd teachers now be teaching students in the classroom as well?
 - **Answer:** We don't have those numbers quite yet. Maybe 25% will.
- **Question:** When do the students come back on campus for those wanting to come back?
 - **Answer:** October 13
- Mr. Daniels thanks everyone for taking part in Thornebrooke, especially with DanceFit.

- Parents are being very good about keeping children home if there is the slightest question as to their health.
- **Question:** My daughter was not feeling well. I was told she needed a doctor's note to return. Is that still the case? It is hard for parents to keep kids home or afford copays to get a doctor's note.
 - **Answer:** A doctor's note is one of three parameters. There is a flow chart of examples and they go by and a series of steps to go through to ensure safety. Please email me separately if there are specific questions.
- Dena reminds everyone to log on to the Parent Canvas Account so you can see announcements from the school, from Mr. Daniels, and check grades.
- Mr. Daniels has been working on getting more and better communications out to parents.
- Dena thanks Mr. Daniels for his time and for attending.

Cashbacks and Smiles – Allison McMullan

- Box Tops are no longer printed on packages. They want everyone to download the Box Top App and scan your receipt in the App and submit. Thornebrooke will receive ten cents per item. Any product that has the Box Top Logo will be accepted. You need to submit within 14 days of purchase.
- Amazon Smiles is another great option.
- You can go to smiles.amazon.com to register so that Thornebrooke Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will get a small portion of your purchases.
- You can also enable this in the Amazon App by going to settings and going to Amazon Smile to do so. You will have to go through and select the organization
- We have received \$690 through this program.

Membership Updates & Spirit Wear – Danielle McCoy

- For membership, we are almost at our proposed budget of \$8,000. We are at \$7, 823.95.
- We have pretty much reached our goal of corporate memberships.
- The LaunchEd families can pick up their membership cards and magnets next week
- We are a little bit under for Spirit Wear. The budget is \$4,000 and we are at \$2,267.64
- If anyone has ideas for selling Spirit Wear, please feel free to share. Ideas suggested:
 - Saturday mornings
 - Could we do a push to wear Spirit Wear for DanceFit?
 - Could we sell Spirit Wear any time that we are supposed to pick up materials for school?
 - Could they pay a little extra for home delivery?
 - Perhaps we could do a Flash Sale with Membership.
- If Homeroom Parents could encourage parents to "Like" the PTO Facebook page, they could see more messages and help bridge any disconnect
- Christie plans to do an online pop-up shop. New items could be: mouse pads, hoodies, button-downs, etc

Faculty Snack – Dena Reyes

- We were able to put together an amazing bag of goodies for the teachers.
- We had tremendous donation response and have had wonderful feedback from faculty and staff
- Bags included all sorts of snacks, hand sanitizer, Emergen-C, as well as TES logo masks

Spirit Night – Liz Rusnak

- Chipotle Spirit Night raised \$304. That was a really good turnout considering these times
- October 29th will be at NYPD Pizza in Metrowest. Carryout is emphasized. Participants will call in to order and mention that they are supporting Thornebrooke. NYPD will donate 20% to Thornebrooke
- Early December will hopefully be with Board & Brush for another carry-out event. It will also be a good replacement for the Holiday Shoppe.

Red Ribbon Week – Dena Reyes

- Joanne Grace is helping out with Red Ribbon Week and she is getting details together.
- It will be the last week of October
- Mr. Daniels has confirmed that we can decorate within the school

Budget Update – Danielle McCoy

- Not much to highlight at this point. She is happy to send out if anybody has any questions

New Topics/ Questions?

- Perhaps people could pick up Spirit Wear could be handed out during Food Pick-Up
- If you are aware of a whole-class or whole-grade pick-up, please let PTO know.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm

Announcements

1. Oct 1 – Big Barracuda Nominations Due
2. Oct 6 – DanceFit Pep Rally & Kickoff
3. Oct 12 – No School
4. Oct 16 – DanceFit Challenge
5. Oct 26 – Red Ribbon Week
6. Oct 27 – PTO Board Meeting
7. Oct 29 – NYPD Pizza Spirit Night
8. Oct 30 – No School