

MINUTES

Thornebrooke PTO Board Meeting – video conference

Date | time 10/27/2020 / 7:30pm | *Meeting called to order by* Karissa Martin & Dena Reyes – Co-presidents at 7:33 pm

In Attendance

Dena Reyes, Karissa Martin, Toniann Lentine, Allison McMullan, Lauren Whittington, Laura Van Baalen, Jennifer Julian, Danielle McCoy, Alessandra Romano, Lynne Schaber, Jussara Post, Jennifer Elzeer, Lili Brown, Lindsay Roth, Lisa Hiracheta, Catherine Gall, Candace Barnes, Ashley Fitzgerald, Irhelma Pieterse, Camilo Perez, Christie Howlett, Anne Hetzel, Mr. Daniels

***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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DanceFit Recap – Dena Reyes

- DanceFit was a huge success and it was super fun to see the kids pick up their prizes at Freedom Park. We also did a Top 10 Prize Patrol drop off.
 - All feedback from teachers was very positive, We exceeded our goal. Everyone was very generous.
 - We are looking to do something different for our Guardian Angel programs for the Fall. We typically have the Turkey Jars that goes toward gift cards and we do the Food Drive. We are looking to use some of our overage from DanceFit to go towards this program. Lynne will discuss.
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Guardian Angel Programs – Lynne Schaber

- This year, we hope to do a stock food box for 42 Guardian Angel families.
- We have talked about doing a mini Food Drive so that the students are involved. We can then offset those items to a separate location (Lynne volunteers Dena's garage ☺). We can then have a stock box of various items that we could distribute to the families. Each box typically 45-50 items per box, per family. This provides for the family for the Thanksgiving holiday, plus they receive about a \$30-50 gift card from Publix for the holiday season
- The Food Drive typically takes place around Nov 2-6. Hopefully, we can have permission to do a drop off so that we could ask for some standard items: pasta, beans, soups, etc.
- Goal is to have the stock boxes/ gift cards ready to go by Nov 18 for the families to pick up at the school
- Friday November 13 (World Kindness Day) is when we plan to kick off our Angel Tree
- This year, we are going to do an online Amazon Wish List. We will have the requested gift/ clothing items for about 50 Guardian Angel students. Those items will go onto the Wish List and we will be able to post the link for people to sponsor a student/ family and they will be able to go to the link and purchase those items
- It will take a little assembly on our part, but we should be able to get them easily to Ms. Bodiford by the Dec 10-11 deadline

Red Ribbon Week – Lynne Schaber

- We are in the midst of Red Ribbon Week thanks to Joanne Grace and Ms. Miller
- There are decorations in the school and flyers went out to F2F students. LaunchEd students are participating as well.
- Monday – wear red, Tuesday – Superhero, Weds – Sports Team, Thurs- Wear a hat

Veteran's Day – Candace Barnes

- Veteran's Day is on a Wednesday this year. We are limited in what we can do this year, but we still plan to make it great
- We can decorate for the week, mostly external
- We have been discussing doing e-versions and social media posts to honor our Veterans
- Waiting to coordinate with Ms. Anne. Look for something to come out soon

Spirit Wear Pop-Up Shop – Christie Howlett

- Christie shares her screen to show the 4 new items for Fall 2020 Spirit Wear
- Information will be sent out online and also flyers will be sent for F2F students
- These offers are online. All options feature adult and youth sizes:
 - Girl's/ Women's Long Sleeve Cotton Shirt - \$20
 - Logo ¾ Zip Up Sweatshirt - \$30
 - Boy's/ Men's Long Sleeve Dri-Fit Shirt - \$20
 - Logo Mask- \$12
- The offer will go until November 18, place orders over Thanksgiving Break. Ready for distribution those first weeks of December
- It does ask on the form, the teacher's name so we can differentiate how to distribute (LaunchEd/F2F). Addresses are also requested, so we can deliver if we need to

Principal's Report – Mr. Christopher Daniels

- The teacher moves should now be complete. This has been a very hard process. He has been in a tough spot with the county and making sure he is doing everything he can for the students
- TES had 4 teachers moved. Some schools had more, some had less. He does not know why it was done when it was
- TES is still waiting on a couple of smart boards. There are also a couple of phones not working that need to be fixed.
- Mr. Daniels is interested in the details of the Food Drive and Angel Tree. Karissa and Dena will discuss in detail with him during their meeting on Thursday.
- Mr. Daniels is happy that we are able to do the Angel Tree all online
- Art Teacher – just received approval to open that position. They are hoping the current Art substitute will apply as they have been very impressed with her
- Attendance has been really great across the board
- Thornebrooke's diagnostic scores are also terrific compared to others, especially 5th grade Science.
- Photo Day has gone through some changes with the county. Our photo day was put on hold with the county. When we get that figured out, we will let everyone know.
- Mr. Daniels really likes the new shirts (Well done, Christie!!)

Spirit Night – Alessandra Romano

- Looking forward to October 29th will be at NYPD Pizza in Metrowest. This is for delivery and carry-out. Participants will call in to order and mention that they are supporting Thornebrooke. NYPD will donate 20% to Thornebrooke
- Early December be with Board & Brush for another carry-out event. It will also be a good replacement for the Holiday Shoppe. More information coming soon
- Our PIEs have been super generous donating for our AR program: NYPD, First Watch, Chipotle, BurgerFi, Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Budget Update – Danielle McCoy

- Danielle shares her screen to show the current budget
- Karissa shares that the profit from DanceFit was \$26, 587.08
- We haven't spent too much this year. She shows the difference of budget vs actuals
- Dena brings up the fact that we had excess funds from DanceFit. We were hoping to do something different this year and reallocate some of that overage to go towards our Guardian Angel program.
- Overall, we believe that it is amazing people were able to participate in the DanceFit, but we want to support some of the families in our Thornebrooke community that may have had a rougher year due to COVID. Logistically, it is harder to do things that we would typically do such as the Food Drive and we want to make sure we have the funds in place to support the Guardian Angel Program.
- Danielle shows the expenses for Guardian Angel fund. There is currently \$3,000 allocated for Guardian Angels. These are typically for things outside of fundraisers
- We would like to add an additional \$6,000 to the existing Guardian Angel budget. We will need a motion
- **Jennifer Julian motions that we reallocate \$6,000 of DanceFit profit to the Guardian Angel Fund**
- **Toniann Lentine seconds the motion**
- All approved say aye or raise your hand. All approve, the ayes have it.
- We look forward to using those funds to in a wonderful way to support our Thornebrooke families. This will help even beyond the holidays.

New Topics/ Questions?

- The Food Drive this year will officially be called the 2020 Doris Wilson Food Drive

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm

Announcements

1. Oct 29 – NYPD Pizza Spirit Night
2. Oct 30 – No School
3. Nov 19- PTO Board Meeting