

**Ryerson PTO Executive Board Meeting
December 12th**

6:00 PM

1. Welcome

2. Reports

- Principal: Busy holiday time. School store went well. Looking forward to sharing first trimester report cards and getting the word out to parents so they can check for their access code. Holidays Around the World assembly on Thursday this week. Holiday sing along with music and slideshow for next week. Encore coming Monday. Enrollment is steady at 318 and looking forward to holiday break. The Jazz Band visited and was enjoyed by all.
- Treasurer: Primary update is the holiday shop. 3544 was the final amount for the holiday shop. About 2000 in expenses so around 1500 for profit. - Brought joy and fun for the kids! Coming up- Teacher Appreciation planned prior to break. Overall budget is comfortable for our time of year and activities/ fundraisers planned.
 - Should we do an end of year for the students again? Craft and Treat idea

3. Administrative/Review

- Holiday Store: see notes above, other details to come regarding ideas for next year logistics of organizing and packaging and order forms. Some additional orders coming in from the restocking of items. Will be available at the end of this week.
- Toy Drive: Successful turn out- we were able to deliver a smaller set of gifts to MYFS. [Sandy Potter]

4. Upcoming Event Planning Updates

- Family Fun Events:
 - Powder Ridge Snow Tubing Tentative Sunday Feb 5- 2 sessions open on this day. Unsold tickets can be returned 3 days in advance with no cost. \$40 per ticket. Open up publicity and enrollment about 3 weeks ahead of time.
 - Madison Arts Cinema Movie Day: Looking at MLK as a day off to rent the theater.
- Winter Workshops: 11 classes currently available by parent volunteers. Computer Class option would need chromebook access and presenter/ parent access to work. Science option needs confirmation of using dry ice for demonstration. NHS facilitator has a link to a signup genius for volunteers. Would like 2-3 board members available each week as well- Thursdays 3:30-4:45. Start publicity this week and open Winter Workshop sign up Saturday morning December 17. Lists could be made by Winter Break. Need to schedule Nurse possibilities for flexibility and payment. If a nurse is unavailable, parents of specific cases can be asked to participate with the child.

- Yearbook Updates: Portraits are in. Covers were submitted but need to rescan at a higher resolution. Check with Josten's Rep to see if it can be handed off.
- Holiday Luncheon: Ordering the food- looking for feedback and ideas for food.
- Give to Grow: Planning meeting being rescheduled - the hope is to have that meeting right after winter break. Possible date May 13- Day before Mother's Day or May 20. Looking at Surf Club as a venue again. Will look for a food vender and bartender after the winter break. Will start looking at some of the raffle contributions early as well.

5. New Business

- Yard Goats School Night Idea- quoted ticket discount to sell at face value as a fundraiser and Mascot can visit the school
- Inspiration in East Lyme: Family Fun Night and a portion of Ryerson proceeds would come back to the PTO
- Student Holiday Craft/Gift: last year spent about \$80 for a craft/ treat for students- idea to send home a kit for students to create something over the break. At this time due to time constraints- it may be tabled for this year.
- Fundraisers
 - Spring photo mini session idea- looking into several photographer options
- Recycle Club: Several parents are interested in forming a club for recycling. There is recycling in the school- the vision of the club is to bring the recycling to the front so that students are aware and to create more opportunities for student involvement in recycling and environmental activities such as composting. The main vision is to give students a voice in a global concern to bring earth friendly solutions to the school. In addition- collecting markers that ran out, collecting sneakers for recycling to send back to Nike... Empower the kids to lead the initiative. - Reach out initially to the Director of Facilities as the first point of contact.
- Talent Show: tabled for a later meeting discussion
- Gift for Mrs. Lariviere- gift card to Pasta Vita, no larger public fundraisers until we talk with her first.