**Attendees:**

Jen Gruenewald Co-*PTO President/Chair*

Jenny Maddox Co-*PTO President/Chair*

Christy Worley *PTO Treasurer*

Noel Elliott *PTO Secretary*

Joe Burgess *Principal*

Nicola Miller *Staff*

Jessica Oyster *Staff/Parent Liaison*

Adil Attari

Angie Durbin

Cherie

Deborah Lacombe

Erika Brenneman

Janis Edwards

Jenny Carter

Kristi Hill

Laurie Arnoldo

Michele Reynolds

Paige Butler

Penney Baughman

Rachelle Falcon

Tonya MacKinlay

**WELCOME & PLEDGE—** Jen Gruenewald, *Co-PTO President/Chair*

* The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm and all attendees were welcomed.  Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Joe Burgess.

**MINUTES & HANDOUTS—** Noel Elliott, *Secretary*

* Last month’s minutes were sent out digitally prior to the meeting. Jen presented the minutes for approval. Minutes were approved by Penney Baughman and seconded by Christy Worley.

**TREASURER’S REPORT—**Christy Worley, Treasurer

* Christy gave an update of budget expense from last month. Only two expenses in December, which were $100.00 for the Black History Brain Bowl and the Teacher Luncheon for the holidays which totaled $175.05 after donations. Leaving the ending balance projected at $30,710.02.
* There will be more items that will show up at the end of January for the last event due to having to close the budget early because of the holidays.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—***Principal Joe Burgess*

* Welcome everyone to the new year. This year is a little different due to the late start up of classes this year. This includes the fall exams which will be designed towards helping the lower D and F students to raise their grades.
* Normally this month the department heads would talk to the school advisory council about classes for next year but to be fair to all departments this will be held probably in March along with a curriculum fair.
* Sports and Activity Events; such as band and drama, will be starting up again in January such as band and drama. These will not be big money-making events due to the reduced seating caused by Covid-19 protocol.
* This month the teachers will be attending the Stop the Bleed training. Teachers will be taught how to help students during an active shooter situation. We always need to be prepared.
* There have been many different rumors on the Chromebooks. The school is trying to get every brick and mortar student a Chromebook. Students will not be able to use their own laptops at school. The plan is to get all the students on Chromebooks. Getting it done is a work in progress.
* A little over 200 students will be moving to brick and mortar this next 9 weeks.
* The teachers and staff are thankful for the food and gift cards that the PTO provides.
* If there are any questions, Principal Burgess is always available through chat or will be available for them at the end of the meeting.

**Parent Liaison Report –** Jessica Oyster, P*arent/School Liaison*

* Students will not be able to check out of school during the actual exams. A schedule for exam times was sent out on listserv so everyone will know when students can and can not leave.
* The Bright Future deadline is Friday, January 15th, for early consideration. All Seniors should apply. They are being very lenient this year towards volunteer time. Students have until the end of June for their ACT/SAT scores.
* Picture retakes will be January 20th.

**SAC UPDATE –** Penney Baughman, *SAC* *Liaison*

* SAC is still looking for someone to take over the secretary position.
* The next meeting is January 26th

**SGA –** Paige Butler, SGA president

* Nothing held during the past month but are trying to move forward with a few projects.
* A ‘Welcome Back’ for new students with banners and flyers will take place this month. This is especially important for students who will be attending brick and mortar at Chile’s for the first time.
* Will need parent volunteer for Spirit Tanks, on January 21st. PTO volunteers have filled the need.

**Committee Reports**

**BUSINESS PARTNERS—** Adil Attari, *Chair*

* Generally due for reporting by end of January. Reminder to everyone to forward all partners donations by email to be included in report to the county. Continuing to update to get correct information. Chick-fil-A donated gift cards.

**FOUNDATION**— Rachelle Falcon, *Chair*

* Next meeting will be held online on January 20th at 6:30pm.

**FUNDRAISING—**Michele Reynolds, *Chair*

* Ads for the yearbook is a group effort. We are running out of time to get ads in this year. This was a tough year for marketing and there was not a lot of time before the holidays to contact businesses. We still need to work together as a group to get as many ads as possible this year. The due date is February 17th. It may be something we can start to work on over the summer for next year. It’s going to be a work in progress.

**GROUNDS AND FACILITIES**—Jenny Maddox for Janis Edwards

* Unfortunately, we had to reschedule the sod due to the weather. There were not enough warm sunny days for the weed killer to work before the sod was to be laid. The weed killer only works in temperatures 60 degrees and above.
* Jen Gruenewald and Janis Edwards will be attending a meeting with the Foundation to expedite the brick fundraiser to start with this year’s graduating students. Hopefully there will be plans in place by the next meeting, so we know what is going on.

**SOCIAL MEDIA-** Jen Gruenewald forAmy O’Kelley, *Chair*

* Nothing New

**STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT**—Erika Brenneman and Kristi Hill, *Co-Chairs*

* We have water and chips (215) for the next encouragement luncheon.
* Deer Lake Methodist Church offered to provide the hotdogs and buns.
* We do not have a count for digital vs brick and mortar students yet.
* There is still an abundance of donated coupons from McDonald’s (1,000) and Newks (950).
* Dates for next lunches are January 27, 2021 and April 14, 2021

**TEACHER APPRECIATION –** Stephanie Hart, *Co-Chair*

* December 16th, 135 boxed lunches from Red Elephant, a $10 gift card and individually wrapped dessert treats were given to each teacher and staff. Special thanks to everyone for all their help and support with this venue.
* February Valentine treat will probably be February 12th.
* Still to come up this year will be the teacher appreciation week. April 26th through the 30th.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR –**Tonya MacKinlay, *Chair*

* Has not been able to find out when the reports are due. The county is not answering phone calls or contact attempts regarding volunteer hours or end of year volunteer banquet information. Principal Burgess will follow up.

**OLD BUSINESS–** Jen Gruenewald, *Co-PTO President/Chair*.

* The PTO Bylaws will be looked at by a volunteer committee from the PTO.

**NEW BUSINESS**- Jen Gruenewald, *Co-PTO President/Chair*

* Many of the PTO leaders will be leaving at the end of the year. We will be having officer nominations in March. Last PTO meeting for 2020-2021 year will be May 3rd. Please consider and encourage parents coming up or currently in school to be a part of the PTO.

**ADJOURNMENT**-Jenny Maddox made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; Tonya MacKinlay seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021 at 12noon.