**Thurston Middle School PTO: Executive Board Meeting – Current and Former Members
Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 6:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Attendees:**Board Members: Pam Schnatterly, Mariam Nasr, Dee Nolan and LaShanda Williams

**1. Recent Fall Activity**

* 6th Grade Friday Night Fun
	+ No concerns with use of teaser video from 6th grade Friday Night Fun
	+ The PTO will move forward with posting teaser video to PTO Facebook page to begin to promote 8th grade Friday Night Fun
* Snack Cart
	+ Tammy McGowan is using budget to restock snack cart, as needed
* Charleston Wrapping Results
	+ $1,590 in sales (less than half of the total amount of sales last year)
* Apparel
	+ Mariam Nasr will reach out to Mary Jason regarding a second run of apparel sales in
	the spring
* Top Golf
	+ Brooke is looking into hosting a Top Golf fundraiser; Mariam Nasr will reach out to Brooke for an update
* 6th Grade Play Concessions
	+ Concession sales were in line with expectations overall
		- Cotton candy and candy were the biggest sellers
	+ Concessions were primarily purchased before the shows/plays
	+ For future plays, the PTO will:
		- Add a note to flyers to remind parents and students to bring cash to purchase concessions
		- Consider walking through the lines to sell concessions while people are waiting to enter the auditorium
	+ Other items to consider selling with concessions: apparel and bumper stickers
	+ The PTO will also consider having items available to give to people who pay PTO donations on the spot
* 6th Grade “Gift of Giving”
	+ The Amazon Wish is no longer needed; parents donated many items
* Fall Donations – Comparison to Last Fall
	+ Parent and member donations down $3,600 compared to last fall
		- Currently at 90% of goal for this year
	+ Fundraisers down $2,300
		- The PTO does not have excess
	+ Donation results by grade
		- 6th grade: 41%
		- 7th grade: 42%
		- 8th grade: 34%
	+ Spike in donations during Friday Night Fun registrations
* Teacher’s Request List
	+ Principal Michael Redmon has reviewed the Teacher’s Request List
		- All “yes” items are approved
		- Pam Schnatterly will reach out to Principal Redmon to determine if the PTO can move forward with purchasing the "yes” items and having them shipped the school
		- Budget requested for a pollinator garden

**2. Upcoming PTO Activities**

* 8th Grade Friday Night Fun
	+ Date: Friday, January 19 (6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.)
	+ Promotions for the event will begin soon
	+ Waiver needed for the event
	+ Volunteer link to be included in registration details
		- Tara Dufour has completed Google document (with 25 volunteer slots)
		- A separate call with go out to parents across all grades, if 8th grade parent volunteer numbers are low
* 8th Grade Events
	+ Meeting with team leaders needs to take place
	+ Formal/social event: scheduled for June 8 (planning in progress)
	+ Grad party theme to be determined
* Kudos
	+ The smaller Kudos have been purchased and delivered

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

* Dee Nolan will make a list of year-over-year costs
* The Hospitality Committee’s budget will be increased by $1,000 to $1,500 to cover the cost
of food purchased for events
* The Teacher’s Appreciation Week budget will be increased
* The overall PTO budget will be reviewed before the next Beyond the Board Meeting
* Dee Nolan will place excess funds into a CD to accrue interest
	+ The plan is to place $30,000 into an 8-month CD—the expected accrual is $1,000