**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