Pine Grove Elementary School PTA

**PTA Executive Board Meeting**

**Wednesday October 14, 2020**

Meeting Notes

**Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

**Call to Order** – 6:31pm by President Anna Gibbons

**Attendees:**

Principal Diane Richmond, Asst Principal Melissa Markle, Anna Gibbons, Karin Wohlgemuth, Shaina Zobel, Jen Keiber, Tasha Logue, Danielle Walker, Kim Yamas, Tina Kubala, Jennifer Collins, Laura Frederick, Paula Cockey, Debbie Mills, Peter Smith, Donna Beres Starkey, Edward Hall

**President’s report:**PTA Memberships – 84 members as of October 13. 2 prize drawings were held for members who joined between Sept 1 – Oct 13. Prize for 4 free rounds of Monster Mini Golf goes to Cassandra Cooper, Mrs. DeMonbrun’s aide in Pre-K. Prize for 2 free races at Autobahn goes to parent Tim Ward. President Anna Gibbons contacted the winners to arrange for distribution. Prize drawings have ended but PTA memberships are still available <https://pge.new.memberhub.store/store?category=Memberships>

Spirit Wear – PGE dad, David Zobel, has designed a new spirit wear design in the theme of virtual learning. Online spirit wear store is open October 12-23 only. Orders will ship the week of November 16. Short sleeve tshirts and hooded sweatshirts are available in both youth and adult sizes. <https://itzdone.com/product-category/pine-grove-elementary-school-online-store/>

Flash sale of limited quantities of 50th anniversary t-shirts in youth sizes and Panda logo insulated drink tumblers are available while supplies last. Items can be ordered online and will be delivered to homes by PTA Board members. <https://pge.new.memberhub.store/store?category=Spirit%20Wear>

In response to many requests from families, the PTA has planned a PGE Spirit Week, October 26-30. More info will be sent to families.

**Treasurer’s report:**
Not much financial activity right now. $2 paid in expenses, $295 income from PTA memberships. Planned upcoming expenses possible for holiday gifts for teachers and staff.

**Principal’s report:**
BCPS SERC and Parent University are offering 90 minute webinars on the topic of student organization skills on October 21 and October 28. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/using-schoology-to-support-student-organization-online-registration-121790914905>

Open Door child care planned to reopen October 12 at PGE and other BCPS schools for full day care including educational support. However, no families enrolled in Open Door at PGE or other surrounding elementary schools. Therefore Open Door is not opening at PGE at this time. When the County offers the planned childcare subsidy, Open Door anticipates more interest.

Principal Richmond shared a short tutorial video made by Ms. Stilling, PGE Kindergarten teacher, helping parents find asynchronous learning resources in Schoology such as Raz Kids and First In Math

Asst Principal Markle shared request from BCPS SERC to find a volunteer parent to be the Special Education Liaison for PGE. The parent should have a child with an IEP or 504 learning plan. The parent will be the liaison between the school, PTA, community, and SERC. One parent expressed interest during the meeting. Interested parents can contact Asst. Principal Markle mmarkle@bcps.org

**Teacher’s update:**
Mrs. Kubala passed on requests from teachers to ask parents to encourage their children to turn their cameras ON during synchronous virtual learning. This would help teachers connect with students’ reactions and identify when students need additional help.

**Meeting Adjourned** – 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Shaina Zobel
Recording Secretary