



Mize  
Elementary

# PTO MINUTES

March 4, 2024

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Attendees: Jessica Simecka, Amanda Philhour, Megan Passman, Julie Suttles, Amy Welborn, Kellie Lawton, Kim Schieber, Erika Kokoruda, Jennifer Mitchell, Deanne Engstrom, Jen McKechnie, Jenny McCord, Alana Driscoll, Sabrina Andrews, Mimi Lueszler, Gerri Balthazor, Melinda Shinault, Emily Seaton

1. President's Report: Jessica Simecka
  - a. Board Game Donations
    - i. Great response so far! Teachers will 'shop' Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Any unclaimed games will be donated to a children's charity
  - b. Garden/Pavilion Progress
    - i. APPROVED
    - ii. Construction to begin during Spring Break
    - iii. Kansas Green School overview – Mimi Lueszler
      - Requesting ideas or help for green initiatives from any parents, companies, etc. who are passionate about being green
      - Finalizing estimated budget for green school and garden to request funding from PTO from the 2024-2025 budget
  - c. 2024-2025 Committee Nominations/Recruitment – We are need of volunteers for several roles. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have questions about which role may be a good fit for you, please reach out to Amanda Philhour and/or Jessica Simecka
2. Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom (see attachments)
3. Secretary: Emily Seaton
4. Committee Updates
  - a. Family Events Chair: Kim Schieber
    - i. Kindergarten Round up: Jessica Simecka, Amanda Philhour & Kim Scheiber
      - Collected 30 emails/raffle entries – 1 winner for a free school supply kit
    - ii. Game Night: Jennifer McKechnie
      - Thursday, Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>
      - Volunteers needed - <https://tinyurl.com/y2xanshc>
      - Accepting T-Shirt orders through Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - <https://mizedodgeball.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
    - iii. Parent's Night Out: Kellie Lawton/Sara Nachbar
      - Exploring options for April
      - We are looking for items to be donated for a silent auction.
  - b. Fundraising

- i. Birthday Board: Jenny McCord
- ii. Corp. Fundraising: Erika Kokoruda
  - Papa Murphy's, \$192
  - Sombreros, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> (all day)
  - Chipotle, May 1<sup>st</sup> (4-8p)
- iii. Mizeapalooza: Amy Welborn/Crystal Deschant
  - Friday, Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 3 Afternoon Volunteers needed - <https://tinyurl.com/2rssjb6c>
  - Need to distribute shirts to new students who have joined the school since October
- iv. Passive Income - POGO Pass - Spring Break Special has been advertised on PTO Facebook page
- v. School Supplies: Meg Passman
  - Awaiting finalized lists. Sales to start in late March
- c. Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
  - i. Snack Pantry
    - The Girl Scout troop has turned over the pantry to PTO. Starting Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, this is an initiative that PTO will continue to support.
  - ii. DeSoto Food Pantry – Food drive in April
- d. Staff Appreciation Chair: Amanda Philhour
  - i. Q2 Conferences: Dana Ford
    - Thank you to all the Mize families who were flexible and brought their snack donations a day early due to the Chiefs parade.
    - On Thursday, Starbucks was donated for the morning and On the Border was delivered for the afternoon fiesta taco bar, dessert and beverages.
  - ii. Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>): Kendra Younger, Kellie Lawton
    - Spa themed food/drinks, pampering, and gifts planned throughout the week. There will be opportunities for staff members to sign up for timeslots for the pampering/activities.
- 5. Website: Melinda Shinault
- 6. Principal's Report: Gerri Balthazor
- 7. Teacher Liaison: Alana Avery
  - a. Alana's commitment ends after this school year and she is reaching out to other teachers to potentially take over for the 2024-2025 school year.

*Next Meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup> will be a planning meeting for 2024-2025. **If you are a committee volunteer for next year or have ideas, please come prepared with a budget estimate.***