

Meeting Summary

The PTO reviewed December staff appreciation plans and discussed significant fundraising initiatives, budget issues, and the overall role of the PTO, particularly regarding the eighth-grade celebration.

December Staff Appreciation

- A **Cookie Drive** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th. Cookies will be collected until 9:00 AM and set up in the break room using aluminum pans with lids.

Financial & Fundraising Updates

- The speaker will check on the status of the **99 Pledges check** this Friday. The fundraiser raised \$18,978 gross.
- The **Turkey Trot** was postponed due to rain and vendor issues and is tentatively rescheduled for **late April or early May**.
- The **Book Fair** generated a profit of **\$1,428** year-to-date (\$5,585 income vs. \$4,000 in expenses).

Eighth Grade Celebration & PTO Role

The core of the discussion focused on the PTO's financial role and the planning for the eighth-grade celebration.

- The PTO budget for the celebration is **\$3,500**, plus a line item of **\$1,500** for the eighth-grade committee's fundraising.
- There was strong consensus against charging students **\$10** to attend their own celebration, even if the policy is not to turn away students without a ticket.
- A suggestion was made to replace the \$10 charge with a different student-led fundraiser, such as a **Clothing Drive** or a **Dash and Dine** (like an Applebee's breakfast) where the eighth graders serve.

Future Initiatives

- The **Awesome Recognition Program (ARP) Prize Drive** is planned for **January** (right after Christmas), where new or gently used items will be collected for prizes.

- A **Spiritwear sale** is nearly designed and will be rolled out in the **new year** as a new fundraising line item.
- The annual **eighth-grade Dorney Park field trip** was questioned. The PTO currently budgets **\$3,500** for a trip that only allows two hours, and the group expressed a desire to push Dr. Ouly to advocate for a **more meaningful trip** against the pressure to follow Spring House Middle School's plans.

Action Items

Action Item	Details	Who	Target Timeline
Send Cookie Drive Reminder	Draft and send a reminder to Dr. Ouly and Jan for the December 17th cookie drive.	Sara	Monday or Friday before Dec 17th
Check 99 Pledges	Verify if the 99 Pledges check has been received.	Sara	This Friday
Plan ARP Prize Drive	Finalize details for collecting new/gently used items.	PTO	January
Develop Eighth Grade	Investigate a student-run Dash and Dine (like Applebee's breakfast) or a dedicated Clothing Drive to replace the \$10 admission fee.	PTO	January/ February
Roll Out Spiritwear	Finalize designs and launch the spiritwear sale.	Sara	New Year/ January
Reschedule Turkey Trot	Select a new date for the event.	PTO	Late April/ Early May
Advocate for Field Trip Change	Prepare to discuss and advocate with Dr. Uly for a more meaningful eighth-grade field trip than the two-hour Dorney Park excursion.	PTO Leadership	Ongoing
Review Past Fundraiser Profit	Look up the profit breakdown for the past lawn sign and t-shirt eighth-grade fundraiser.	Kristen/ Robin	ASAP