

Coleman School PTO Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
6:00– 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions - Tracy Peck (5 min)

2. Approve December PTO Meeting Minutes - Anne Levenson (2 min)

Motion to approve: Alex

Second: Tracy

Approved with 15 people on zoom

3. Upcoming PTO Events - Amber/Melinda (5 min)

- Dine and Donate at Gaspare's - Wednesday, January 15 from 4:30 - 9:00 pm
- Coleman Dad's Group Meeting - Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 pm at Coleman MPR
- Crabfeed! - Saturday, January 25 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm (adult-only fundraising event, tickets required)
- Save the Date - Corn Hole tournament on Saturday, May 10th

4. Principal's Report - Alex Peck (15 min)

Welcome back, we hope you had a fun and relaxing winter break. We were happy to be back at school today. Yesterday, Monday, January 6th was a professional development day. Teachers participated in continuing education, part of which was learning about data-driven techniques and explored ways to appropriately incorporate AI into the classroom.

Library update... we have new book shelves in our library, partially funded by Coleman PTO! Come check out the new Coleman library, it's looking great!

Initial iReady data: Mid-year, seeing YOY growth when comparing scores from this year vs. last year. Coleman has seen growth over the last 3 years which is great, we are seeing growth above state averages but below the rate we want to see at Coleman so there's still work for us to do.

[Link to slides showing iReady data](#)

Teachers will continue to use the remaining teacher work days to work on lesson plans and utilize Common Formative Assessments - 6 week cycles to look at data to allow the teacher to quickly check to confirm if their students are understanding the concepts to determine if they need to re-teach or if they can continue moving forward with concepts and lessons. Lots of exciting things are happening within our classrooms, our students are working really hard and so are our teachers, and we're seeing the results academically.

Black History Month Celebrations will begin in February. Teachers will be reaching out to families to ask for support for these activities. Big focus of the week is around STEAM, students will learn about contributions Black scientists have made throughout history. Students will engage developmentally age appropriate STEAM activities each day during the first week of February. Please join us for a Community Night celebrating Black History on Friday, February 7 at 5:30pm, bring a potluck dish to share.

Campus update: we are moving forward with using the Dominican Maintenance and Operations parking lot for recess blacktop play space. Student Council and Tiger Teams will be leading training re: appropriate and safe play and walking between Coleman campus and Dominican. This is to alleviate how tight and cramped the campus is due to construction and the "lawn" being closed. Grades 3-5 will be allowed to play at Dominican at specific and staggered times.

Parent volunteers to help run games during recess would be very helpful. Be on the lookout for a volunteer schedule and signup opportunities.

5. Crab Feed! - Amber/Melinda (25 min)

22nd Annual Crab Feed! Adult-only annual Coleman fundraising event.

Saturday, January 25 from 5:00 - 11:00 pm at Rod and Gun Club in San Rafael

We have Wonderbread 5 performing live at Crab Feed!

Theme: 80's Prom! Delicious food: choice of Crab or Prime Rib. Buy your tickets in advance! We expect to sell out. Early-bird ticket pricing until Friday, January 10 at 5pm. Silent and Live Auction, Super Bowl Squares, ect.

We are still looking for auction items to add to the silent and live auctions, send your ideas and donated items. deadline for receiving auction items: Friday, January 17. Goal is for online silent auction to go live Monday or Tuesday before Crab Feed.

Dad's Group Workday will be included in the Live Auction again this year! Start thinking about any home improvement projects you want to get done around your house, talk to your neighbors about projects you both want done by the Dad's Group, so you're ready to bid and win this incredible live auction item at Crab Feed!

6. Open Forum/Questions (8 min)

None

Reminders:

No School on Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, February 3rd on Zoom