**Peeples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, March 23, 2017 – 9:30AM**

**In Attendance:** Ashley Lynch (President), Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Julianne Moore (Recording Secretary), Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Monica Thomas (Teacher Representative), Natalie Kaiser, April Stallings, Lina Martin, Diana Schmidt, Lisa Arnold, Melanie Dale, Angie Gregory, Gina Ables, Luz Loevano, Alejandra Bruijn, Weslee Ferron, Bridget Piatt, Linsey Koda, Nermine Tawadrows, Renee DiModica, Saundra McKoy, Lauren Scheu, Jenn Moore, Sarah Harmond, Kellie Moreman.

**Call to Order:** PTO Meeting was called to order by Ashley Lynch at 10:14AM. Quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Copies of the February 16, 2017 minutes were distributed. Attendees were provided time to review. Motion to approve February minutes by Diana Schmidt, 2nd motion by Rhonda Mangin. All were in favor.

**Officers Reports:**

**Treasurer-** Roxana was unable to attend the meeting so a brief treasurer’s report was provided by Natalie Kaiser. Company matching, Kroger and Publix monies have come in since the February report was given. Roxana will be processing the proceeds from the recent art show and provide that update at the April meeting.

**President** –Ashley introduced herself since there were so many new faces at the PTO meeting (due to the GA Milestones presentation that was provided by Mrs. Williams). The board is working on filling all the of the committee slots for 2017-2018. Ashley will be sending out an email with all the committee positions that need to be filled along with a description. Please keep an eye out for this email!

**Vice President** – Rhonda is working with Mrs. Collins & Mrs. Tokar for the nominating committee for all board positions for 2017-2018. A link to the ballot for nominations will be emailed out with the deadline March 31st. If only one nomination for each position then no ballot will be sent out. The board will need a volunteer to step up or be nominated for the corresponding secretary. This position will be responsible for press releases, website overview, social media & bereavement for teachers. The bylaw review will be postponed until the end of the summer in order for the President & VP to work on it.

**Recording Secretary** – No report at this time.

**Corresponding Secretary** – No report at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

**Spirit Wear** – Adriana sold a lot of shirts at the Art Show. She still has some smalls/mediums on hand if anyoe is interested.

**Cultural Arts Week/International Festival** –Lina gave a quick overview to the new faces attending this month’s meeting. The event will take place May 15-19th all day, every day except 45 minutes for class time, PE and lunch. The week will have African dance and drum, Chinese dance team, Capital City opera, Sand Art, Percussion, Native American participation, Andy Irwin, Oak Hill bag pipes & drums, Foley Art, Starrs Mill HS. The International Festival will have at least 33 countries represented. Lina needs volunteers to sign up to bring lunch to performers & work at the event.

**Art Room** – Natalie reported that 290 pieces were sold at this year’s Art show. More details will be provided at the April meeting since the event just took place.

**PE** – Ashley thanked April for doing the field day tshirts for the PTO. April asked for volunteers to help with the running club. They are needed to scan lanyards as runners are on the track.

**Hospitality** – Sarah mentioned several staff appreciation days that will coming up including Administrative Assistant day, School Nurse day, etc. Sign-ups will go out soon to help provide appreciation lunches.

**SCRIP-** We still need more participation! Weslee provided an update that one company and three families are the only ones participating in SCRIP. If these folks quit the program will fail. If anyone has ideas on how to market the program, please let her know. Weslee also thanked Kelly McQuade for writing thank you notes to all the teachers with the spring gift cards that were given.

**Spring Fling –** Staci Campbell is heading up the volunteers for this year’s event on May 12th from 5-8pm. Staci is a parapro so Ashley gave an update. New items for this year will be new carnival games, archery, new jumpy houses & trikes with an obstacle course. Food will be Papa Johns, Chickfila & TCBY. Gift baskets are being collected by each classroom for the silent auction.

**Media Center** – Ashley mentioned that last week’s book fair was the most successful event they have had. Thanks to everyone for their participation!

**Principal Report:**

Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to

* PTO for spring gift cards for staff members
* Staci Campbell for volunteering to chair spring fling & working closely with us on school supply kits
* Jody for supplying treats from City Café for last staff meeting
* Natalie Kaiser for creating a cool art show flyer, order form & working closely with Jill Daniel on the art show
* Ginger Johnston for helping Mrs. Tant with the book fair and finding volunteers to assist. Also for representing Peeples at Dr. Barrow’s round table discussions
* Susan Farrell for organizing Box Tops and the PTO for honoring winning classes with ice cream
* April Stallings for organizing PE volunteers for fitness testing.

**Upcoming Events**

* Kindergarten registration is open. Encourage everyone you know to register at the welcome center!
* Running club has begun again
* March 30 – School Council meeting at 7:15AM
* March 23- Report Cards issued
* April 3-7 – spring break
* April 11 – ChickfilA night 5-7PM
* April 11 – GA Milestones testing begins for 3-5th grades

**School/Staff Updates**

* All grade levels will be doing the GA Milestones testing on computers this year. Testing in the AM and PM will affect specials/lunches/recess schedules for some grade levels
* Allotment updates – contracts have been issued. We have 2 resignations – Troylynn Hodges & Tonya Scott. Two retirements – ReuAnn Annis & Pat Jones
* Some of the classes have begun working on their Kindness Rocks from Kindness Week

**Needs**

* More PE volunteers for fitness testing

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Wanda made the motion to adjourn. Vanessa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54AM.