

MEMBER APPROVED

Peeples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 9:30AM

In Attendance: Ashley Lynch (President), Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Vanessa Wright (Corresponding Secretary), Julianne Moore (Recording Secretary), Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Monica Thomas (Teacher Representative), Natalie Kaiser, April Stallings, Belise Burns, Lina Martin, Adriana Marshburn, Ginger Johnston, Ashley Wall, Sarah Harmond, Sara Lax, Jennifer Vannier, Diana Schmidt

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Ashley Lynch at 9:35AM. Quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the September 22, 2016 minutes were distributed. Attendees were provided time to review. Motion to approve September minutes by Vanessa Wright, 2nd motion by Natalie Kaiser. All were in favor.

Officers Reports:

President – Ashley thanked the hospitality committee for all their hard work with recent appreciation days as well as the Direct Drive for knocking it out of the park!

Roxana Porupca was able to secure a \$1,000 grant for the PTO from her employer, Pfizer pharmaceuticals. Ashley asked that members please brainstorm and contact her with any suggestions for how to best use these funds. Sarah Lax suggested to use some if not all the funds for the landscaping budget as the Girl Scout troops are stretched with what they can provide for the school.

Vice President – Rhonda thanked everyone for coming out to the Fall Kick-off. In spite of the rain they had a good turn out! Next year's event will be planned further out in advance to ensure they do not hold the event over a holiday weekend.

Treasurer- Ashley provided the report on behalf of Roxana. September was an amazing month in terms of revenue. The total amount of deposits was \$13,530.34. The three major drivers of this revenue were: Direct Drive with the amount of \$6,749.85; Fun Run with the amount of \$4,330.00 and Spirit Wear with \$1,849.00.

Recording Secretary – Julianne asked that everyone be sure to sign in to record all in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary – Vanessa asked if the generic email addresses she created for each committee was working well. If anyone has any issues, please let her know. Currently the new PTO website, <http://www.peeplespto.com>, has a generic contact form for anyone seeking information from a PTO member. Those emails go directly to Vanessa unless anyone else would like to take on that role.

Committee Reports:

Spirit Wear – Adriana is planning to do an online ordering for the holiday season. She will be narrowing down the current options to 4 designs. These four designs will have a different color scheme with short and/or long sleeve options. The ordering will be done through the t-shirt vendor's website. We will be sure to share the link!

Pumpkin Fun Run – Donna announced that at the time of the meeting there were 404 runners registered for fun run. This is 100 more than last year! 20+ staff members have volunteered to assist with the event with a multitude of 30+ sponsors. All sponsors will be listed on the PTO website.

Cultural Arts Week/International Festival – Lina announced that the committee received the \$5,000 grant from the Arts Council. She has sent a press release to the local paper to announce.

Art Room – Natalie reported Saville Studios has been scheduled for March 16th Peeples Elementary Art show.

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Direct Drive – To date, \$13,200 has been received for the direct drive. 225 families participated representing 33% of the student population. The winning classroom, Mrs. Strauss, will get an ice cream party. The date is TBD. The committee is considering another push for donations in February/March.

Kindness Week – the committee originally had discussed doing large canvas panels from each grade level that could be displayed throughout the year. After some discussion with leadership, Vanessa has determined it would be best to use the theme for this year's event (Kindness Rocks!) to have each classroom decorate a large rock/stepping stone that could be used in the school landscaping.

Prismatic Magic has been contacted to provide an assembly as well as PTC Combat fitness.

PE – Due to the lack of light in the winter season, the running club will end in December then pick back up again in February. April asked for volunteers to consider coming out to help with Little Dribblers.

Box Tops – The next due date is December 15th for box tops!

Hospitality – Sarah thanked her committee members for all their hard work! She announced that Jim and Nicks BBQ will be donating food for the para pro appreciation week.

Launch Pad – An umbrella was recently purchased for \$29.99 for the launch pad. If anyone is interested in landscaping, please contact Rosie to assist her in the pad!

SCRIP- \$1,500 needs to be raised by December 31st in order to have the funds for teacher gift cards. Membership discussed ways to help increase participation in the program.

Playground – a new swing has been ordered for the playground 😊

Media Center – Ginger announced that this year's Book Fair was excellent! She received feedback that this event was the biggest many have seen at Peebles. Sales were over \$16,000!

Square One Art – The deadline for orders is October 28th. To date only 22 families have placed orders. The class that receives the most orders will receive a popcorn party.

Spirit Events-

Room Parents –

Principal Report:

Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to

- Donna New, Tina Scarbrough and Ashley Allen for organizing the Pumpkin Fun Run
- Vanessa Wright for already working on scheduling for Kindness Week
- Susan Farrell for submitting Box Tops and organizing grade level winners for ice cream parties
- Adriana Marshburn for another successful spirit wear program
- Rhonda Mangin for organizing the fall kickoff event
- Lina Martin for securing the \$5,000 grant from Arts Council
- Roxana Porupca for securing \$1,000 from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
- Sarah Harmond for making curtains for the flexible learning space

Upcoming Events

- Oct 21st – cape day to support CHOA, Pumpkin Run
- This week we are honoring bus drivers for school bus appreciation week
- Week of Oct 24th is red ribbon week with theme dress up days each day
- Oct 25th – picture retakes, SCRIP orders due
- Oct 26-28th - Candy grams will be sold
- Oct 27th - school council meeting at 7:15AM
- Oct 31st – Character Book Day

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- Nov 2nd is Parapro appreciation day
- Nov 8th school-wide voting (booth will be in lunch room)
- Nov 9th Recitation Festival
- Nov 11th Veteran's Day appreciation walk at approx 1:15PM
- Nov 17th Thanksgiving lunch (K & 2nd grades)
- Dec 1st Christmas lunch (3rd & 5th grades)

School/Staff Updates

- Two new paraprofessionals have joined the Peeples team – Staci Campbell (5th grade) and Darsie Rezac (Special Ed)

Needs

- Volunteers to help with Veteran's Day on November 11th
- Volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving Lunch on November 17th between 11-1PM (parents from grades 1, 3, 4 & 5th)

Old Business:

Ashley communicated with Colton Bird that the PTO will be unable to assist him with fundraising for his proposed Eagle Scout project that was presented at the September meeting. She is waiting to hear back from him on any next steps.

The new backdrop for the stage in the cafeteria will be installed by the end of the month.

Ashley encouraged everyone to look at the new PTO website. Vanessa has done a great job! Please provide any feedback to either Vanessa or Ashley for any improvements/additions.

New Business:

Jennifer Moore and Kelly McQuade have completed the Peeples Elementary Directory. This year's directory will not be printed. Instead it will be in a PDF format and emailed as an attachment with Mrs. Blodgett's announcements as well as through the room parents distribution.

December 12, 14 & 15th the PTO will be providing teacher giftwrap. Ashley will be sending out a Signup Genius but if any volunteers are interested, please contact her! We will be wrapping the teaching staff's gifts while Christmas music and munchies are available.

Recently the League of Women Voters and the Atlanta Journal Constitution published an article with a sample ballot for all this year's school board running mates with their stance on issues. Ashley encouraged everyone to review this nonpartisan information at <http://c3.thevoterguide.org/v/ajc16/build.do>

Adjourn:

Rhonda Mangin made a motion to adjourn, Sarah Lax seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48AM.