

Peeples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 9:30AM

In Attendance: Ashley Lynch (President), Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Natalie Kaiser (Treasurer), Meghan Simmons (Coordinating Secretary), Julianne Moore (Recording Secretary), Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Monica Thomas (Teacher representative), Diana Schmidt, Amanda Moberly, Lauren Scheu, Suzanna Delaney

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

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the August minutes were discussed. Motion to approve August minutes by Diana Schmidt, 2nd motion by Lauren Scheu. All were in favor.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer (Natalie Kaiser)-

- \$980 income came in for the month of September. We have a total of \$13,050 that has been received. This represents income received from Fun Run + Spirit Wear + Chick-fil-A spirit night (\$3165) and PTO memberships (\$9885)

President (Ashley Lynch) –

- Ashley has sent out two weekly emails to all Peeples volunteers. There have been some technical issues that she is checking into.

Vice President (Rhonda Mangin)-

- RSVPs coming in for the October 6th 4th annual Fall Tailgate Bash. The board has hired a 12-year-old student from Kedron Elementary to DJ the event. Cheerleaders from Whitewater and Starrs Mill are scheduled to attend.

Recording Secretary (Julianne Moore) – No report.

Corresponding Secretary (Meghan Simmons) – Continuing to update the website and FB page. Please forward anything you would like included to Meghan.

Committee Reports:

PTO membership/formerly known as Direct Drive (Veronica Harville) –Natalie updated that \$9885 has been received. The goal is \$12,002 so the November 17th deadline will be extended.

Box Tops (Ashley Haycock)- Ashley has created flyer with deadline dates. Volunteers will be adding a pink mailbox by the front entrance of the school for families to drop off their box tops. They should include student and teacher name on each collection of tops. Three third grade classes will count the box tops and the Peeples Lighthouse Ambassadors will go pick up donations on the 15th of each month.

Cultural Arts Week/International Festival (Sarah Harmond) – Sarah has submitted grant for \$5,000. The announcement for the first planning meeting will be coming out soon! If you would like to join this committee, please email Sarah at CAW@peeplespto.com

Hospitality (Heather Burrows)- Heather has sent email out to all volunteers that have offered to help. If anyone would like to join this committee, please respond to the following link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49afad2ca7fa7-hospitality>

Kindness Week (Amanda Moberly)- The first meeting was held at the end of August. The committee will have a “Super Me” assembly, Kindness pebble project (Fayette Rocks), Spirit Day, Starrs Mill performance and the Hero Welcome Tunnel. The week will also include an art project (materials already provided), a videographer will put together a piece for the week, local media coverage & a Shutterfly share site for Kindness week. The goal for sponsorship is \$4,000 to be received by December 1st. For anyone interested, please join email Amanda at kindnessweek@peeplespto.com

Spring Fling (No committee head at this time) – The first informational meeting will be next Thursday at 9:30AM. Please email springfling@peeplespto.com to join this committee.

Ice Cream Sales & Spirit Night (Lauren Scheu)– Lauren reported ice cream sales are going well. Spirit Nights need volunteers to help with signing in at the venues; especially the upcoming event at Sky Zone. Please email Lauren at spiritevents@peeplespto.com to help!

PE (Meghan Simmons) –Everything is going well but more volunteers would be great. For questions, please email Meghan at PE@peeplespto.com

Pumpkin Fun Run (Donna New) – Currently working on recruiting more sponsors for the event.

School Box Kits (No committee head at this time) – If anyone is willing to take the lead for this project, please email Ashley at president@peeplespto.com

Principal Report:

Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to

- Ashley Lynch for participating in Launching Leadership class & for PTO for paying for the class
- All parents that came out and supported staff at Open House
- Spirit wear committee/Direct Drive committee for all they have done
- Lauren Scheu, Meghan Simmons and Julianne Moore for helping with spirit nights
- Angie Gregory for representing Peeples at Dr. Barrow’s roundtable meetings and cleaning out the 4th grade storage room
- Ashley Bearden and Angie Gregory for leading the Room Parent meeting
- Amanda Moberly for organizing and leading the Kindness Week initiative
- Ginger Johnston and all the parents who volunteered for the Book Fair

Upcoming Events

- Sept 22nd, Peeples fun night
- Sept 26, scrip orders due
- Sept 27, Hearing/vision screenings begin (1st, 3rd and 5th)

- Sept 30th, Peeples fun night
- Oct 2nd, Custodian Appreciation Day
- Oct 3rd, Chick-fil-A night 5-7PM (3-5th grades)
- Oct 5th, Harlem Wizards Assembly for 3rd and 4th grade students during gym
- Oct 5th, SkyZone Spirit night 4-8pm
- Oct 6th, Annual Rocket Tailgate Bash 5-7pm
- Oct 9th, Columbus day/school holiday
- Oct 10th, End of 1st 9 weeks
- Oct 12th, Peeples fun night 6-9pm

School/Staff Updates

Sometime in the month of November the rest of Peeples Elementary will receive the rest of the technology updates.

The clinic is a busy place! As of yesterday, the clinic has seen 1128 students for a variety of reasons

Peeples has been approved to hire a parapro (full time) to assist the 4th grade classrooms due to larger class sizes. One of the 1st grade staff members, Zoila Angulo, has transferred to Burch Elementary School. Administration is actively interviewing to fill both positions.

Needs

- The trailers have been sold. We need volunteers to help clean them out!
- Clean out the outdoor storage area.

Old Business: Ashley suggested we amend the budget for 2017-2018 to add Leader in Me as a line item. With the adoption of the program there will be ongoing costs that PTO could vote to support. With the addition of the line item it will be easier to make payments to the school to support the program. Monica made the motion, Lauren seconded. All in attendance approved.

New Business: Ashley will send out a Sign Up Genius for Holiday Lunch volunteers. We need at least 10 volunteers each day: Kindergarten and 2nd grade is November 16, 3rd and 5th grades is December 7 and 1st and 4th grades is February 8.

Other: Natalie Kaiser spoke for a Girl Scout troop that is collecting bottle caps - they will be recycled and turned into a "Buddy Bench." Signs and collection bins will be posted.

Buffy informed us that a Brownie troop is collecting and recycling markers.

We need to find other ink recycling company - Staples does not make sense for us right now.

Adjourn: Wanda Godwin motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Buffy. Meeting adjourned at 10:46am.