

**MEMBER APPROVED**

**Peeples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, September 22, 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, Diana Schmidt, Lina Martin, Adriana Marshburn, Sarah Harmond, Shelly Jakubowski, Meghan Simmons, Susan Krabsen Jensen, Veronica Harville, Ginger Johnston, Nikki Baker, Rosie Rausch, Heather Burrows, Florencia Vargas, Ambily Liza Tom

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Ashley Lynch at 9:30AM. Quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Copies of the August 18, 2016 minutes were distributed. Attendees were provided time to review. Motion to approve August minutes by Rhonda Mangin, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Diana Schmidt. All were in favor.

**Officers Reports:**

**President** – Ashley reported that the art room committee recently requested a \$100 donation to buy organizational supplies. The executive board has approved.

Ashley recently attended a Board of Education meeting which was uneventful.

The PTO board is still in need of volunteers willing to take on roles as of next year. Especially for our outgoing treasurer & cultural arts/international festival coordinator.

**Vice President** – The Peeples Annual Fall Kick-off will be held on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM. We will have a DJ, BBQ & chips for the attendees. An EVITE will be forwarded out to all parents through Infinite Campus messenger for everyone to RSVP. This will be helpful for ordering food.

**Treasurer-** Veronica Harville provided the report on behalf of Roxana. Thank yous were expressed for Diana Schmidt, April Stallings and Sara Lax for conducting the audit. Our accountant is currently working on the taxes due October 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to Roxana's absence the August and September financials will be reported at the October meeting.

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

**Corresponding Secretary** – Vanessa announced that she has created the Peeples PTO website. <http://www.peeplespto.com/> Emails have been created so committee heads no longer have to use their personal emails for conducting business. Any committee members that would like to have their own page on the PTO website need to contact Vanessa for help. The website provides a calendar of events along with links for some committees (SCRIP & Spirit Wear)

**Committee Reports:**

**Art Room** – All volunteer slots are filled 😊

**Box Tops** – The first due date for box tops is upcoming in October. Parents should be sure to look at expiration dates and do not paste or tape the box tops to anything.

**Cultural Arts Week/International Festival** – The first informational meeting was held in August. Lots of new ideas and volunteers! Karen Bervis will be coming to the school the week prior to Cultural Arts Week to help students in the art class make a mural that can be used each year. Starrs Mill HS has approved AP English students participating in Cultural Arts Week. They will act out short stories for the students. Lina has submitted for the same \$5,000 grant that the committee received last year. She will know the results by the next committee meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at Lina's home.

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**Direct Drive** – Just over \$8,000 has been received from 160 families. Their goal is \$12,000. Direct drive volunteers will be at the September 29<sup>th</sup> open house. An ice cream party will be given for the class that has the most donations received.

**Hospitality** – October 5<sup>th</sup> is custodian appreciation day. Five volunteers will be working on appreciating the four custodians. Other upcoming appreciation days in October include cafeteria workers, bus drivers & bosses day. If anyone would like to assist with any of these, please contact Sarah Harmond or Heather Burrows.

**Launch Pad** – New rocks were recently spread in the courtyard & new mulch will be added soon. There is one broken umbrella in the courtyard that needs to be replaced. The cost for a metal umbrella is anywhere from \$75-200. Rosie Rausch asked for the PTO to consider replacing all 3 umbrellas since they are all at least 5 years old.

**Media Center** – Book Fair starts next week. The committee asked for at least one more volunteer to assist with sales during the open house next Thursday from 5-7pm.

**PE** – Lots of runners and volunteers. At this time all is well with no specific needs.

### **Spirit Events-**

**Pumpkin Fun Run** –

**Room Parents** –

**SCRIP-** teacher gift cards will go out in December/January. Weslee encouraged more families to use the program as participation is very low. The main family that uses the program does not have any children in the school but makes the effort to purchase all their gift cards to support Peeples.

**Spirit Wear** – Adriana has decided to extend the spirit wear deadline so that families participating in the open house can make orders. Someone will be there with booth space so families can see options for orders.

**Square One Art** – the program is a work in progress.

**Kindness Week** – this year Peeples will be teaming up with Braelinn Elementary. This allows both schools to get discounts for assemblies. The next committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at Mike & Cs. If anyone has any suggestions for character building assemblies, please pass them onto Vanessa.

### **Principal Report:**

Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to Ashley Lynch for creating the PTO weekly newsletter, Vanessa Wright for creating the new PTO website & Ginger Johnston for representing Peeples at Dr. Barrow's roundtable meetings.

### **Upcoming Events**

- September 23rd, 1st Grade Apple Day
- Week of September 26th, Fall Book Fair
- September 27th, Scrip Orders due
- September 29th, K-2nd Open House, 6:00-7:00
- September 29th, Book Fair Open House, 5:00-7:00
- September 30th, Peeples Fun Night, 6:00-9:00
- October 3rd, LuLaRoe Fundraiser in Media Center, 2:30-3:30
- October 4th, Chick-fil-A Night, 5:00-7:00 (3rd-5th grades)

### **School/Staff Updates**

The Flexible Learning space is here in the Commons area. The technology package has been ordered and should arrive any day now.

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The Clinic is a busy place. As of yesterday afternoon, the Clinic has seen 1357 so far this year for a variety of reasons. Of course, due to confidentiality, she could not share the reasons.

Peeples has been approved to hire a parapro (full time) to assist our 5th grade classrooms due to larger class sizes.

Welcome, Kristen Bogumill, part time counselor!

## **Old Business:**

### **Eagle Scout project proposal**

Colton Bird made a special presentation to the attendees for his Eagle Scout project proposal. He would like to build a new piece playground equipment called a "GaGa Ball Pit". He became familiar with the equipment during his time at the Winshape and Boy Scout camps. The structure can be built in a variety of different layouts with options for the types of materials used to construct (wood, steel, composite & steel) as well as the type of base (wood or rubber mulch, sand, grass, asphalt or concrete). Colton provided handouts with all the options with costs included. He suggested the PTO, general school fund, donations by Home Depot and/or Lowes and Mahaffey Orthodontist would help to fund the project.

Questions raised by attendees included – where would the GaGa Ball pit be placed, how would it be manned, how long would the project take? Dianna Schmidt suggested we table the discussion until the next meeting and make a decision at that time.

### **Leader in Me**

Ginger Johnston asked for an update on the status of the proposed Leader in Me that was discussed during a spring 2016 PTO meeting. Mrs. Blodgett explained that 18 teachers observed the program at Sara Harp Elementary last spring along with several PTO board members. Since then leadership at Peeples borrowed books and began to implement some new ideas at Peeples. These include safety patrol in the mornings (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders), leaders in the cafeteria (K-5<sup>th</sup> graders), golf cart safety patrol (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders). Mrs. Blodgett is continuing to research the program and investigating the costs while doing as much as possible for free. She did send out a survey to the teachers and found the majority do want the program in the school as they feel Kindness Week is not enough to foster leadership skills.

## **New Business:**

Mrs. Stadelmeyer has asked for funding for a black curtain for the stage in the cafeteria. The curtain would be a pipe and drape system so it could be moved and used anywhere in the school. The quote provided had a price of \$3,100. Rosie Rausch made the motion for the PTO to purchase the curtain. Vanessa Wright seconded. All were in favor.

## **Adjourn:**

Wanda Godwin made a motion to adjourn, Belise Burns seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03AM.