Peeples Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022

**Agenda:**

1. **Call to Order**
   * Motion: Buffy Blodgett
   * Second: Rebecca Smith
2. **Welcome** 
   * Thank you all for attending. It’s great to see so many people here, and so many new faces.
3. **Principal’s Report - Buffy Blodgett**
4. **Thank you**
   * To all the parents who have helped get our school year started smoothly with Meet the Teacher, Kindergarten Mini Day, and back to school week.
   * To the PTO for teacher gift cards and for all our families that donated to provide a back to school breakfast for our staff members.
   * To the PTO for funding maintenance in our Courtyard Area (removal of rotten gazebo and dead tree and refresh of pine straw/maintenance)
5. **School/Staff Updates**
   * Demographic Updates:
     1. 734 students, exactly the same enrollment from this time last year
     2. 19 new staff members (teachers, SPED, paraprofessionals, custodians, school nutrition)
     3. Kindergarten - 5 teachers, 92 students
     4. 1st - 6 teachers, 103 students
     5. 2nd - 6 teachers, 121 students
     6. 3rd - 7 teachers, 130 students
     7. 4th - 6 teachers, 148 students
     8. 5th - 5 teachers, 140 students
   * This year Specials have continued on a 6 day rotation. Students transition to the special area classrooms. Specials rotations change weekly to ensure that all students receive each special area offered (PE, Music, Art, World Language)
   * This year all schools are providing Computer Science lessons. We piloted this program last year for the district.
   * Fully operational back to Pre-Covid operations.
   * This year, Peeples is one of 4 schools piloting iReady in Reading and Math.
   * The Clinic is a busy place! As of Tuesday, the nurse has had 535 reported visits to the clinic this year for a variety of reasons. Of course, due to confidentiality, I cannot share the reasons.
   * Track Update. The fixes should be done by mid- September.

**c. Leader In Me Update**

* + Leadership jobs process has begun.
  + Aligning Academics & Empowering Instruction are our main goals this year.
  + Returning to full school Synergy Squads this year. The first one will be in October.
  + Leadership Notebooks.
  + Student-led conferences - Friday, Feb 3rd (K, 2nd and 4th); Friday Feb 10th (1st, 3rd and 5th).

**d. Upcoming Events**

* + 8/25 - 3rd-5th Curriculum Night, 5.30-6.30
  + 8/29 - Running Club begins
  + 8/30 - Super Chix Spirit Night
  + 9/5 - Student Holiday
  + 9/6 - Personalized Learning Day - students learn from home
  + 9/8 - K-2nd Open House, 5.30-6.30
  + 9/13 - Chick-fil-A Mobile Order Spirit Night, 5-7pm
  + 9/15 - School Council Meeting
  + 9/23 - Fall Pictures
  + 9/19 - Mike and C’s Spirit Night, 5.30-8pm
  + 9/29 - Super Chix Spirit Night

**e. Needs**

* + Assistance with cleaning up the front flower beds, weeding, pine straw, etc. - Chloe Russell’s Girl Scout troop will do this.

1. **Treasurer’s Report - Saskia Arnesen**
   * Accounts Update:

i. Checking: $14,820.94

ii. Savings: $70,621.66

* + We have had a strong start to the year with Direct Drive donations already meeting our budget.
  + We have had 4 companies agree to be our Annual Sponsors this year - Mahaffey Orthodontics, Peachtree City Orthodontics, Peachtree Oral and Facial Surgery, and Farmers Insurance Tim Monihan Agency.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **Fun Run Update - Laura Belanger**
   * This is scheduled for Friday October 21st, with a start time for warm ups of 5pm.
   * Early Registration will open at the beginning of September, and close October 3rd to have time to place the tshirt order.
   * Early registration will cost $25 per person. Registering on the day of the run will cost $30 per person. There will be a $100 cap per family.
   * The logo for the front of the tshirts is designed and ready. Sponsors will be on the back of the shirt.
   * For the first time there will be a separate run only for Kindergarten students. This will be at a reduced cost of $15 (still including a shirt), and will be held on the new track.
   * Food trucks will be in the bus loop.
   * As this event falls so close to Halloween, runners will be encouraged to wear costumes.
   * The committee is looking into having a raffle.
   * Needs:
     1. Someone to organize donations of water and gatorade
     2. Someone to obtain and manage sponsors for the event
     3. Help setting up the website for registration
     4. Several volunteers on the day (set up, managing various stations, clean up, etc)

**b. Hospitality Update - Kathryn Kasych (co-chair with Catherine Wofford)**

* + Calendar is planned and the committee will provide various lunches, appreciation treats, and staff meeting snacks throughout the year.
  + The committee members sign up to donate as needed for each event. Should the sign ups not get filled, then they can be sent out in newsletters.
  + The committee has already purchased lunch bags and have put rockets on them. These will be filled with each teacher’s favorite snacks and handed out as gifts.

**c. Library Update - Kimberly Simmons**

* + Has volunteers that have already signed up to help in the library.
  + The big events that need extra help are the two Book Fairs. A sign up will go out for each of these (Fall and Spring).

**d. Ice Cream - Rachel Parkhill**

* + Rachel Parkhill has taken over as lead of this committee from Caroline Rice.
  + A sign up genius is created for each month, and the link is posted on the PTO Facebook page.

**e. Penny Wars - Erin Fish**

* + This will be run in February 2023. Information and opportunities to help will be sent out in December.
  + Erin will need people to help count money.
  + There is also a need for a milk jug for each class to collect their money in. We will check the PTO closet to see what we already have, but will likely need more.

**f. PE and Running Club - Caroline Rice**

* + Running Club begins on Monday. This will have a sign up for parents to volunteer to scan student cards as they complete each lap.

**g. Spirit Wear - Jenn Boswell**

* + Spirit Wear sales are on track to meet the budget goal.
  + The first round of orders from Meet the Teacher will be placed this week.

**g. Spring Fling (Ashley Holm) and Kindness Week (Britney Matcheck)**

* + Committee Meetings for these events will start in the next month or two.

1. **Teacher’s Report - Charlotte Mask**
   * Thank you to the PTO for the gift cards and the highlighters at the beginning of the school year.
   * Teachers have expressed a request for shade over the playground. The PE department has mentioned wanting a space for volleyball.
2. **Adjourn**
   * Motion: Ashley Holm
   * Second: Buffy Blodgett

**Attendees for General Meeting, August 25th, 2022:**

Kimberly Simmons

Laura Belanger

Bertha Leon

Kimber McDermid

Rachel Parkhill

Maria Ruhe

YoonJoo Park

Jacqueline Hawkins

Saskia Arnesen

Kathryn Kasych

Ashley Holm

Buffy Blodgett

Chloe Russell

Erin Fish

Wanda Godwin

Donna Chapman

Lorena Alarcon

SeungMi Kim

Rebecca Smith

Charlotte Mask

Lorena Gomez

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**Next PTO General Meeting - October 27th, 2022 9:30am**

Upcoming Spirit Nights

August 30th - Super Chix

September 13th, 5-7pm - Chick Fil A (mobile orders only)

September 19th, 5.30-8pm - Mike and C’s

September 29th - Super Chix