

## **Peoples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, August 24, 2017 – 9:30AM**

**In Attendance:** Ashley Lynch (President), Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Natalie Kaiser (Treasurer), Meghan Simmons (Corresponding Secretary), Julianne Moore (Recording Secretary), Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Angie Gregory, Ginger Johnston, Weslee Ferron, Ashley Bearden, Adriana Marshburn, Heather Burrows, Donna New, Lauren Scheu, Jeanette Doutaz, Lisa Powell, Callie Henderson, Adrienne Hoover, Sarah Harmond, Diana Schmidt, Katie Mattson, Lisa Arnold, Jenifer Demchak, Ashleigh Haycock, Cindy Webb, Belise Burns, Suzanna Delaney, Mandy Huff, Kellie Moreman, Erin Armada, Kathryn Kasych, Monica Thomas, Heidi Koffler, Buffy Blodgett, Veronica Harville, Wanda Godwin

**Call to Order:** PTO Meeting was called to order at 9:36AM by Ashley Lynch. Quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Copies of the April minutes were discussed. Motion to approve April minutes by Angie Gregory, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Ginger Johnston. All were in favor.

To kick off this year's PTO meeting all attendees introduced themselves with their name, children(s) name(s) & teacher(s) for 2017-2018 school year.

### **Officers Reports:**

#### **Treasurer (Natalie Kaiser)-**

- \$49,750 is the budget for this year. Handouts were available to attendees for last year's revenue vs expenses.
- Spiritwear income so far is \$8,533. We have also received Publix and Kroger rewards \$1,111.93.
- Direct Drive now called PTO membership fees (new name for 2017-2018) income is \$8,150.
- The Board supported the Leader in Me teacher training with a \$5,000 donation. Currently we have \$43,961 in checking account & \$14,893 in savings.
- This summer Perry Bruebaker, Meghan Simmons and Diana Schmidt performed an audit for the PTO. This ensured all reported numbers were done corrected and could submit paperwork for taxes.

#### **President (Ashley Lynch) –**

- Thanks to so many Peoples parents for spreading mulch that the county delivered.
- Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make Kindergarten mini-day happen
- Thanks to all that donated food and items for the teachers welcome back breakfast
- Every Sunday the President will send out updates to the parents. Stay tuned for these weekly updates!

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- For all committee chairs, save all receipts and turn into Natalie for reimbursement
- Board of Education meetings are held the Mondays prior to all Peeples PTO meetings at 7PM. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. They are held in Fayetteville.
- A volunteer training video must be completed prior to doing any volunteer work in the school.
- A lot of bigger companies in the metro area give matching funds dollars. Please be sure to check to see if you or your spouses' companies participate in providing matching funds.
- The Boy Scout informational meeting will be August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM
- The board listens to teachers/administrator's feedback. Last year both groups wanted Leader in Me. The PTO supported their choice and have supported them with providing \$5,000 towards a teacher training. In addition, they have asked for a new piece of equipment for the playground. If anyone is interested in volunteering to lead this project, please let us know.
- Anyone interested in volunteering, please let a board member know. There is a place for everyone that wants to volunteer

### **Vice President (Rhonda Mangin)-**

- October 6<sup>th</sup> the PTO will host their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Tailgate Bash. This is the same night as the Whitewater/Starrs Mill HS game. We will have music/hamburgers/hotdogs/chips and games
- One smoking guys are donating their grill but we will need volunteers to man the grills!
- The VP will be leading a by-law review. This will be discussed at the September PTO meeting.

**Recording Secretary (Julianne Moore)** – Meeting minutes (draft versions then approved) will be posted on the website.

**Corresponding Secretary (Meghan Simmons)** – The website is being updated. There will be a section with upcoming dates, meeting minutes, bylaws and Pumpkin Fun Run.

### **Special Update**

#### **Leader in Me (Mrs. Webb) –**

Thank you to all the parents for your support! The Leader in Me is in full swing at Peeples! We have been incorporating the 7 Habits, leaderizing our school, created a new school mission statement, created a SOAR code, cute/sweet song, each class has created mission statements, introducing language and using it throughout the school, giving students leadership roles/jobs for the kids to have responsibility, DEAL (drop everything and leave) every Monday morning, schoolwide synergy project – every student will put up a pop of color, Lighthouse team – driving force with mini questions, new teachers will go to training that they missed over the summer

**Committee Reports:**

**PTO membership/formerly known as Direct Drive (Veronica Harville)** – Veronica Harville will be soliciting all parents to become part of the drive. In the past, the program asked for \$50.

This year we would prefer to have more families involved and are asking for \$35/child, \$50/family. With this program, we will not be doing any door to door sales. Deadline for the membership drive is September 15<sup>th</sup>. \$12,200 is the goal.

**Art Room (Natalie Kaiser)** – This committee helps Mrs. Daniels with prep work for her art students. This includes cutting paper, taking down art work, organizing the room, etc. They are looking for volunteers for an hour on Tuesdays or Thursdays. IF you are willing to help they would appreciate any day if others work better for you.

**Kindness Week (Amanda Moberly)**- Amanda could not attend but passed on that the dates for Kindness week will be January 22-26, 2018. The theme is “Be a Hero, Be Kind”. They have reserved a company to do an assembly called Super Me!. The first committee meeting will be August 31<sup>st</sup> at the school. For anyone interested, please join us to help make this week a success!

**PE (Meghan Simmons)** –Meghan will help Coach Binkley with running club Monday-Friday from 7:15AM-7:40AM. She needs volunteers to help scan students bar codes to get credit for each lap they run. In addition, she will need volunteers to help with physical fitness testing in the spring.

**Ice Cream Sales & Spirit Night (Lauren Scheu)**– Lauren is helping coordinate volunteers to come into the school and sell ice cream from 11:15-12:45. Money made from the ice cream sales is used to buy gift cards for the teachers. If you would like to receive the monthly request for volunteers, please contact Lauren.

Lauren is also working on school spirit nights. Local restaurants donate a proceed of their food sales to the school. So far Chick-fil-A, Johnny’s Pizza (dine in only), Mellow Mushroom (all day & can be carryout), Sky Zone (food and tickets to the park) & Chicken Salad Chick (4-7PM carry out or dine in)

**Room Parents (Ashely Bearden & Angie Gregory)** These ladies are coordinating all the room parents for Peeples. The first meeting for all Room Moms is August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30AM.

**Box Tops (Ashley Haycock)**- Ashley will be working to get in as many Box Tops as possible. Last year Peeples received \$800 from Box Tops! Since adding Leader in Me to the school, older students from 3 classes will be helping count the donations for Ashley.

**Hospitality (Heather Burrows)**- Heather provided an overview of when the Hospitality committee will be asking for donations from parents. Examples included custodian appreciation day, school nurse day, etc. Anyone willing to join the committee will

receive an email with a sign-up attached. Members can choose to sign up for whatever they would like to provide (or skip that event entirely)

**Scrip (Weslee Ferron)** Weslee oversees this fundraising program at Peeples. The money that is raised by the sale of gift cards is used to buy \$100 gift cards for the teachers twice a year. Teachers can use this gift cards to purchase items for their classrooms. In order to purchase these gift cards, we must sell \$10,000-11,000 in cards. Scrip orders are done twice a month. A wide variety of vendors participate in the program (Publix, etc). More details on the program are included on our PTO website. Anyone willing to help Weslee market the program should contact any board member or Weslee.

**Pumpkin Fun Run (Donna New)** - Donna is leading this event. She and her team of volunteers have been working on sponsors over the summer. If anyone has a friend that owns a business please ask if they may be willing to sponsor! The Fun Run will be held the Friday before Halloween & is a part of the Peachtree City Rotary Club Elementary Grand Prix Race Series. This year anyone that participates in the 5K or 1K will receive a medal for participating.

**Media Center (Ginger Johnston)** - Ginger helps organize volunteers to come into the library to reshelv books. There are 3 slots M/W/F or a day each month. There are two book fairs that she will need volunteers – Sept and in the spring.

**Cultural Arts Week/International Festival (Sarah Harmond)** – Sarah will oversee this week long cultural celebration in the spring. Each day May 14-18, 2018 talented artists that represent a variety of arts and cultures (from all over the world) will come to Peeples Elementary to share their gifts. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please contact Sarah!

**Square Art (Chrissy Stanek)**- Throughout all grades Peeples children will create artwork that Square Art can put on a variety of materials (mugs, coasters, aprons, artwork, etc). Parents will receive order forms with ideas of items they could order. This is a small Fall fundraiser for the school and a great way to order Christmas gifts!

**Spirit Wear (Adriana Marshburn)**- This year's shirts and items have some great designs! Adriana works with a local vendor to create designs that parents, students, teachers and administrators can purchase to show our school pride. The August order will be arriving the first week of September. The next order date is September 18<sup>th</sup>. This order will include a Peeples Dad shirt! Check the website for all designs and the order form.

**Spring Fling (No committee head at this time)** – The board would love to have as many people as possible to help put together our biggest fundraiser for the school, the Spring Fling (May 4<sup>th</sup>). For those that have not attended this is an old-time carnival (think of the last scene of Grease minus the rides). Food, face painting, carnival games, jumpy houses = FUN! Please contact a board member if you are willing to help coordinate this event.

**School Box Kits (No committee head at this time)** – This position helps coordinate the order of school box kits at the end of the school year. If anyone is interested in assisting with this job, please contact a board member.

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**Playground (Andy Lynch)** – A few swings were replaced this summer. With feedback from the teachers, we know that new playground equipment is needed. Anyone willing to help research this project, please contact Ashley Lynch.

**Principal Report:**

Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to

- PTO for supporting the next Leader in Me training on the 1<sup>st</sup> Early Release Day
- Hospitality Committee for the Back to School Breakfast for Teachers
- All the committee chairs and volunteers for Meet the Teacher and K Mini Day
- PTO for the \$100 gift cards for all the teachers
- James Campbell for cleaning up the courtyard
- All the PTO parents that helped with replacing the mulch in front school
- Ashley and Rhonda for providing snacks for our Staff Meeting last week
- Angie Gregory, Sarah Harmond & Ashley Lynch for cleaning out the PTO closet

**Upcoming Events**

- August 24, first school council meeting at 7:15AM
- August 24, 3-5<sup>th</sup> curriculum night 6-7pm
- August 28<sup>th</sup>, Running Club begins
- August 29<sup>th</sup>, scrip orders due
- August 30<sup>th</sup>, Cub scout recruitment night at 6:30pm
- August 31<sup>st</sup>, Room parent meeting at 9:30AM
- August 31<sup>st</sup>, Kindness Meeting at 9AM room 4105
- Sept 1, scrip orders due
- Sept 4, Labor Day holiday
- Sept 5, Chick-fil-A (K-2) 5-7PM
- Sept 9, Peeples Fun Night 6-9PM
- Sept 14, K-2 Open house and book fair
- Check website for all Peeples Events on the calendar

**School/Staff Updates**

- 706 students, up approx. 15 from this time last year
- 12 new staff members
- K = 5 teachers, 103 students
- 1<sup>st</sup> = 5 teachers, 105 students
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 teachers, 108 students
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = 6 teachers, 124 students
- 4<sup>th</sup> = 5 teachers, 142 students
- 5<sup>th</sup> = 5 teachers, 136 students

The clinic is a busy place! As of today, there have been 470 visits for a variety of reasons!

**Needs**

- The trailers have been sold. We need volunteers to help clean them out!

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

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**Adjourn:** Angie Gregory made the motion to adjourn. Buffy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.