Peeples Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2023

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1. **Call to Order -** 
   * Motion: Rebecca Smith
   * Second: Ashley Holm
2. **Approval of October 27, 2022 minutes -** 
   * Motion: Lorena Alarcon
   * Second: Rebecca Smith
3. **Welcome & Outstanding Items - Lorena Alarcon**
   * Fundraising at Hawks Game (1/28/23) update we have sold 240 tickets we should push the link to rest of the school and feeder pattern
   * Information and link to purchase tickets will be highlighted in PTO newsletter, and flyer printed to be sent home in student folders
   * Teacher survey for how to spend PTO funds was sent and reponses received were evaluated by Buffy, many items being the responsibility of FCBOE. The PTO will concentrate on requests from playground sports equipment and toys, and creating an outdoor classroom space (or spaces if including the site of the amplitheater) -Ashely will hold a teacher focus group, hopefully by the end of January to collect more detailed ideas on what teachers would like to have in the courtyard space

- Ideas already include: sunshades and fans, and new tables; some with seating and some standing

- Landscaping leaf cleanup and some removal of bushes is scheduled to be done in February

1. **Vice President Report - Ashley Holm**

Committees

1. Hospitality

A. Involvement by volunteers has been dropping this year. The hospitality committee will reassess what events to keep for next year, discussing with teachers whether they’d rather keep luncheons or staff meeting snacks

i. Will not plan to offer teacher gift wrapping in 2023

ii. Signup Genius requests for donations will move back to the PTO newsletter and away from Buffy’s Rocket News

B. Complaints about lack of a teacher-specific apprecition day will be addressed by adding wording changes to the teacher gift cards to be discrupted later this year, possibly during teacher appreciation week May 1-5

C. Room parents will be implemented again as a branch of the PTO for distrubuting information and asking for volunteers and item donations

i. A list of current room parents will be compiled to use this semester

D. Board will discuss raising hospitality budget to offset volunteer drop

Ideas were floated to start involving grandparents as volunteers and/or partnership with Somberby residents for things like ice cream sales

2**. Spring Fling**

-4th and 5th grades will have a tshirt design contest

-Flyers will go home in folders, hopefully 1/9/23, and be in morning annoucements soon

-Planning to keep the dunk tank, to be $1 for 3 throws, might add parents to signup

-We’ll figure out how to get the water warmer this year

3. **Penny Wars** - Erin Fish

-Please save 1-gallon milk jugs for coin collection, we need about 35

-Penny Wars are scheduled for 2/13/23-2/17/23, with counting done 2/17

-Will approach room parents for one volunteer from each grade for counting

4. **Spirit Wear**

- There will not be another order for spirit wear this year

-Plans are still in the works to put remaining inventory, some of long-sleeved shirts, up for sale on our website

5. **Kindness Week**

-Britney is hard at work this week putting this week together

-Ms. Mask asked about getting the county Beehive to make cutouts of the paper hearts

6**. Ice cream** –

* + Committee is still struggling to get volunteers to fill all spots.
  + This sign up genius can be shared on social media and in school and PTO communication to parents.

**5. Treasurer Report - Saskia Arnesen**

* Budget is on track
* Teacher gift cards will be purchased again, 60, $50 each
  + Accounts update
    - Checking - $27,007.07
    - Savings - $10,447.67
    - Total: 37,454.74

1. **Corresponding Secretary Report (and substitute recording secretary) - Rebecca Smith**
   1. Spirit Nights Update

* Chicfila is going back to tallying orders NOT only from their mobile app. Their dates are: 1/31/23 and 3/28/23.
* Will arrange nights with SuperChix and Mike & Cs again, and began arrangements with Grazing here.
* Emailed Crumbl Cookies, haven’t heard back yet.

1. **Buffy’s Updates**

* Thank you
  + PTO Board and committee members for the snacks at staff meetings and the delicious lunch befoe the holidays
  + Thank you to all the volunteer Christmas wrapping elves
  + Thank you to Britney Matcheck for organizing Kindness Week this year
* Upcoming Events
  + 1/12 & 1/13 SMHS Field Trip/Partnering with SMHS Drama Club to see their student-led play, Tuck Everlasting
  + Kindness Week – week of January 23rd
* School/Staff Updates
  + Sonya Panell has transitioned to the Secretary position
  + Welcome, Nicole Lacis, our new school nurse
  + Welcome, Holly Anderson, our new Kindergarten parapro who is working with Ms. Bauch’s class
* Needs
  + TRIAD parapro position posted
  + Need more substitutes

1. **Adjourn @ 10:45AM:**
   1. Motion: Wanda Godwin
   2. Second: Rebecca Smith

**Next PTO General Meeting:**

**Thursday March 9th 2023, 9.30am**

**General Meeting Attendees:**

Buffy Blodgett

Wanda Godwin

Charlotte Mask

Lorena Alarcon

Ashley Holm

Rebecca Smith

Saskia Arnesen

Kathryn Kasych

Erin Fish