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Peeples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2016 – 9:30AM

In Attendance: Ashley Lynch (President), Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Roxana Porupca (Treasurer), Julianne Moore (Secretary), Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Monica Thomas (Teacher Representative), Staci Campbell, Natalie Kaiser, Angela Matson, April Stallings, Tara Lester, Ginger Johnston, Meghan Simmons, Regina Shigemori, Lisa Arnold, Sarah Harmon, Ima Christensea, Dora Begley, Jarrett O'Donnell, Belise Burns, Diana Schmidt, Angie Gregory, Jennifer Vammiet, Lina Martin, Pooja Rampure, Sandra M McKey, Adriana Marshburn, Kimiko Akune, Ashley Bearden, Nikki Baker, Jenni Hammond

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

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the April 2016 minutes were distributed. Ashley reminded attendees there was no May 2016 meeting. Attendees were provided time to review. Motion to approve April minutes by Wanda Godwin, 2nd motion by Diana Schmidt.

Statement of the Treasurer:

The PTO current budget balance is \$46,030.00. The PTO has 24 active committees with at least half generating funds for the PTO. Last year \$109,000 was generated through donations, grants & activities managed through PTO volunteers. As an FYI, Roxanna reminded attendees there are three layers of volunteers signing off on transactions to ensure transparency and consistency. As a 501C the PTO must file taxes by October 30th. There are currently non-PTO volunteers conducting an audit of all withdrawals, deposits and receipts to prepare for the October filing. Monthly budget reports will be provided to the PTO to keep everyone updated on where we are over/under. Each funded committee must ensure they spend their designated dollars before the end of this school year.

Principal Report:

- Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to hospitality committee for back to school breakfast, the Clem family for trimming trees outside, Andy Lynch for digging up dead shrubs, PTO for replacing mulch at the front of the school, Ashley Lynch for providing snacks for first staff meeting, and all committee chairs & volunteers for a successful meet the teacher and K mini day.
- Teachers were appreciative for \$100 gift cards from PTO that were received on their first day back to work.
- Science lab stools purchased with PTO funds have arrived and are perfect.
- School box kits, kindergarten nap mats and ear bud sales went well.
- As of today Peeples has 693 students enrolled (up approx. 30 students from last year), 12 new staff members. This week Peeples was allotted an additional 3rd grade teacher, a part-time counselor, and an additional full time paraprofessional to assist the interrelated special education department.
- The county has approved the request for Flexible Learning space in the commons area. The furniture has been ordered and should arrive any day.
- As of yesterday afternoon, the clinic has seen 279 students.
- The science lab has been set up and is amazing. Be sure to check it out!
- Last year the PTO designated \$1,200 for school assembly. These funds will be used August 24th to pay for the "Science Guy". He will provide an interactive assembly at 8:30AM for K-2nd & 9:30AM for 3rd-5th.
- Upcoming events:
 - Aug 22 – Room parent meeting at 9:30 in cafeteria (if interested, please attend)
 - Aug 22- Running club begins
 - Aug 23- School picture day, SCRIP orders due

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- Aug 25 – 3rd -5th curriculum night 6-7PM
- Aug 26 – Peeples fun night 6-9PM
- Aug 31- Cub scout recruitment night at 6:30 in cafeteria
- Aug 31- Partner's spirit night all day at Braelinn (be sure to sign back of receipt)
- Sept 6- Chick-Fil-A night (K-2) 5-7PM
- Sept 9 – Peeples Fun Night 6-9PM
- Sept 29- K-2nd curriculum night & book fair
- Check Peeples Elementary website for all updated event dates
- **Needs** – the Launchpad (courtyard area inside the school) needs some TLC

Officers Reports:

President –

- Ashley thanked all parents and staff for help with getting ready for meet the teacher night.
- She has decided to stop the PTO newsletter and instead do weekly updates that will be sent out to parents through school distribution. If anyone ever has anything they want shared, please be sure to forward to her attention.
- County wide residency check is currently taking place. A copy of electric bill with address must be provided to prove residency. Be sure to complete ASAP as deadline is tomorrow. Extension may be given but do not count on that. Parents that registered in the spring must do it again (i.e. kindergarten parents).
- At recent Board of Education meeting, group discussed the resolution (for state to take over failing schools) that will be on November 8th ballot. BOE is asking for all to oppose. They do not want state taking over school management.
- Ashley encouraged us to attend at least one BOE meeting year and/or review all minutes online to stay educated.
- **Needs- Volunteers**
 - At least 50% of the committee volunteers are 5th grade parents. We need to find volunteers willing to take over roles.
 - This is the last year our current treasurer, Roxana, will be doing the job. It would be ideal for someone to shadow Roxana this year in order to make next year's treasurer confident in their responsibilities.
 - We need a grant writer!
 - Room Mom coordinator for next year
 - Cultural Arts/International Festival coordinator for next year

Vice President – Rhonda is currently handling all Facebook updates. Please be sure to contact her if you have anything that should be added.

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

Corresponding Secretary – no report.

Committee Reports:

Art Room - Staci Campbell sent out sign up genius to volunteers that signed up at meet the teacher. Slots have been filled ☺

Box Tops – Susan Ferrell counts all box tops, sends them in and gets check for Peeples. 1st collection will be done October 7th

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Cultural Arts Week/International Festival – This is the last year Lina Martin will be organizing. CAW will be May 15-19, 2017 with International Festival on May 19th. All interested volunteers should plan to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, August 25th at 9:30AM at Millpond Manor's pool.

Direct Drive – Committee will be meeting tonight to brainstorm.

Hospitality – Sarah Harmond thanked everyone for food and items donated for the back to school breakfast.

Launch Pad – Request for volunteer(s) to clean up weeds

Media Center – Two book fairs are planned. One at the end of September and another in April. Lots of volunteers signed up at meet the teacher event.

PE – running club starts Monday. **Needs:** Volunteers are needed to scan lanyards 7:15-7:40AM

Spirit Events- August 31st Partners Pizza @ Braelinn. Upcoming spirit nights will be held at Starlight (Friday nights), Speed zone in coordination with TCBY, Skyzone, Casa Vieja in Wilshire & Chick-fil-A.

Pumpkin Fun Run – scheduled for Friday, October 21st at 5:30PM. More details to come!

Room Parents – Monday, August 22nd room parents will meet in cafeteria to discuss plans for 2016-2017

Spirit Wear – lots of new designs for 2016-2017! Sales at meet the teacher went great. Some shirts were available for purchase that night or were sent home with students the first week of school. The entire order will arrive within 2 weeks. The next order for spirit wear will be due September 6th.

Square One Art – teachers are starting early with students starting artwork. Orders will be taken in October for gifts (ornaments, art pieces, mugs, pot holders, etc) with delivery in plenty of time for Christmas/Hanukah.

Kindness Week – planning meeting will be held September 1st at 9:30AM in the cafeteria.

Old Business:

No old business to be discussed

New Business:

The school has been contacted by a young man wishing to complete his Eagle Scout project at Peeples Elementary. He would like to do a "gaga pit" on the playground & will be present at September 18th PTO meeting to present details.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54AM