

Member Approved

Peeples Elementary PTO Thursday, February 16, 2017 - 9:30AM

In Attendance: Ashley Lynch (President), Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Natalie Kaiser, Belise Burns, Kellie Moreman, Jennifer Vannier, Lisa Arnold, Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Diana Schmidt, April Stallings, Angie Gregory, Meghan Simmons, Monica Thomas (Teacher Representative), Ginger Johnston, Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Lina Martin, Sara Lax, Adriana Marshburn

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

Leader In Me Presentation/Question & answer session: Please see separate notes.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of January 19, 2017 minutes were distributed. Attendees were provided time to review. Motion to approve minutes by Wanda Godwin, 2nd by Diana Schmidt. All in favor.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: report by Natalie Kaiser, in Roxanna's absence. Copies of current budget were available to all attendees. Fun Run receipts have been issued. The second check for teacher gift cards has been issued.

President: Ashley gave a big thank you to all that volunteered in the Cafeteria for the Valentine's lunch. Staci Campbell will be heading up Spring Fling again this year and we need volunteers.

Vice President: Rhonda will be contacting people to serve with her on the Nominating committee. We will also begin a Bylaws review.

Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary: nothing to report.

Principal's Report:

Buffy thanked the following:

- Vanessa Wright and the Kindness Committee for a wonderful Kindness Week
- All the parent volunteers that helped at the Valentine's Holiday Lunch
- All of the 2nd grade parents who helped support Little Dribblers
- The Hospitality Committee for supporting all of the Appreciation Days (most recently Counselor Appreciation Day)

- All of the parents who are supporting Jump for the Heart/Hoops for the Heart (we met our goal!)
- Teachers thank PTO for 2nd gift card donation

Upcoming/Current Events:

- Kindergarten registration is open. Register at the Enrollment Center!
- February 20th - 24th - President's Day/Winter Break - Student Holidays
- March 2nd - K - 2nd will hold Read All Day Day in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday
- March 7th - Chick-fil-A night (K-2) 5 - 7pm
- March 13th - Spring Picture Day (Individual and groups)
- Week of March 13th - Spring Book Fair
- March 16th - Fine Arts Night 4 - 6pm
- March 17th - End of 3rd 9 weeks
- March 23rd - Report cards issued

School/Staff Updates:

- GA Milestones - All grade levels will be on a computer this year. Testing will be in the morning and afternoon. There will be a Parent Informational meeting during the next PTO meeting on March 23rd at 9:30am. Buffy and Linda will be presenting and answering questions.
- Allotment update - as of today, not losing any staff, but this may change. Contracts go out March 3 and will have updates on retirements/resignations. Increased Special Education allotment by ½ . Keeping close eye on all grade level allotments - movement of teachers will happen.

Committee Reports:

P.E. - April is working on Field day t-shirts and Hoops for the Heart.

Spiritwear Adrianna has extra shirts - email her for sizes and prices.

Media Center - need volunteers for Book Fair per Ginger.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to conclude the meeting by Ginger Johnston. 2nd by Buffy Blodgett. Meeting was adjourned at 11:41am.

Leader In Me

Question and Answer session
February 16, 2017 during PTO meeting

All attendees listed for the PTO meeting were present.

Randy Hudson (Spring Hill Principal), Shann Kimbell (Spring Hill teacher), Erinn Angelo (Sara Harp Minter Principal), and Lori Tokar (Teacher/Administrative Intern) were also present.

Leader In Me is based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

Randy Hudson

- In 2009 survey, parents wanted more than just test scores.
- Leader In Me program teaches to the whole child and lets the kids be leaders in the school.
- Started program at Spring Hill in 2009
- It is an “operating system” - the philosophy of how the school runs
- Enhances staff and climate at school

Erinn Angelo

- Teachers saw examples at Spring Hill and wanted to know more
- Visited a lot of schools
- 3rd year with Leader In Me
- There is a shared responsibility with kids and staff
- Unity has been huge, now use the same language
- Students are involved in every aspect
- Now working on academic inclusion
- Students have folder for tracking achievement (Leader notebook)
- Student led conferences
- Con is Covey business, paperwork, accounting (only 3 times per year)

Shann Kimbell

- Has to be supported by teachers
- Have to trust each other during the process
- Teaches the kids how to lead - you “do” Leader In Me (not a program)

Lori Tokar

- School visited is motivating
- 4th grade student led conferences were huge success at Sara Harp Minter
- Kids have a huge amount of pride
- All hands on deck for everything - goal to be better

Other Comments:

- You can make it your own - Braelinn has weekly pep rallies, Minter has Synergy Squads

Buffy Blodgett

- Training is for ALL staff

- Will hopefully use first 2 days of post planning
- Can get together with other schools
- Erin Angelo also said that you will find days to train and will be assigned a coach from Leader In Me.

Erin Angelo

- Raising money was the hardest part - is it worth it? YES.
- Can only do pieces by yourself - need the platform to fully implement
- 1st year is expensive, then \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year afterwards
- There are lifelong lessons and influences

Questions:

Is there any feedback from middle and high schools?

- Randy - there is not much communication with middle and high schools. Covey is starting to work on middle and high school programs.
- Erin - so many life skills are taught, it definitely passes on to middle and high school.

What is Buffy's goal for Leader In Me? Per Buffy...

- Gave teachers all information - she will not implement without teacher support
- Different teachers have visited schools, read books and done research
- All agree that Peoples students need respect for others and peers
- Leadership team wanted to move forward
- Boosterthon in Spring
- Set to have training on post planning days
- Will not work unless ALL teachers implement
- Takes time to implement (2 - 3 years)
- School chooses what to do
- Attended coaching day (had teachers from all areas)
- Likes academic portion

What is the cost of Leader In Me? Per Buffy...

- Initial cost is \$30,000 (this includes membership fee, brand, 2 day training materials)
- Annual cost once started is \$5,000 - \$7,000 (licensing fee)

How will costs be maintained?

- Buffy's goal is to have \$10,000 per year to roll over
- Per Ashley Lynch, the PTO will look at reallocating funds to help - this has not been voted on yet. There is always extra money at the end of the year.

Can we have more information on the Boosterthon? Per Buffy...

- Event will be at the end of April and the Glow Run will be May 3

- Contract is 50/50 with company - we will receive 50% of profits and they will do all of the work
- Teachers and leadership wanted to have it this year to get started
- We can do every year if needed
- Donations are all done electronically
- Goal is for every student to collect \$80

Other comments/Information:

- We should have videos/information to advertise Leader In Me
- Use Twitter and Instagram
- Need parent information sessions - have some in the evening
- Should we have information at Art Show and Spring Fling?
- Can we have a parent team to assist the Lighthouse team?

Lighthouse team:

Cindy Webb (head) (2nd grade)

Buffy Blodgett (Principal)

Ashley Lynch (parent)

Amanda Watters (Hearing Imp)

Michelle Fulmer (3rd grade)

Pam Barron (5th grade)

Megan Butler (1st grade)

Chanda Kearns(4th grade)

Victoria Saxon (Special Ed)

Cynthia Jones (Kindergarten)

Jennifer Stadelmeyer (Music)

