

Peeples Elementary PTO  
General Meeting  
August 27, 2021

*The PTO is an important link between the parents and the school. The PTO organizes a volunteer force for school-wide and classroom support, and engages in fundraising activities for the educational and recreational benefit of Peeples Elementary School, its children, teachers and staff.*

**\*\*Please note that the meeting is intended for the Parent Teacher Organization business only and we can not discuss other matters at this time.**

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**Agenda:**

**1. Call to Order**

- Motion - Meghan Simmons
- Second - Stefanie Willey

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

- Welcome to the first meeting of this school year.
- Explanation of what the role of the PTO is, and reading of the PTO mission statement.
- Introduction of the five PTO Board members.

**3. Approval of [April 30, 2021](#) minutes**

- Motion - Stefanie Willey
- Second - Britney Matcheck

**4. Officer's Reports**

a. President - Amanda Moberly

i. Annual Sponsors

- These are defined as those businesses that wish to support us with a \$2000 donation per year.
- This year we had budgeted for 4 annual sponsors with a total donation of \$8000. We have now

acquired 5, giving us \$10,000 in annual sponsor donations.

- These sponsors are; Peachtree Pediatric Dentistry, Peachtree Oral and Facial Surgery, Peachtree City Orthodontics, Farmers Insurance Tim Monihan Agency, and Mahaffey Orthodontics.
- We have also received a \$1000 donation from Center for Allergy and Asthma of Georgia, making them a gold sponsor for our upcoming Pumpkin Run.
- We encourage you to support these businesses whenever possible.

ii. Recap 2021-22 Budget

- The budget for the previous school year was \$40,800.
- This has increased to \$43,900 this year as we anticipate more events will be able to take place.
- Each PTO event brings in revenue, the largest being the Spring Fling, which hasn't been able to be hosted for the past 2 years.
- All revenue goes back into the school to benefit a variety of events and items including teacher training, Kindness Week, Specials, the clinic, curriculum, and maintenance, to name a few.

b. Vice President - Britney Matcheck

i. PTO Flyer & Magnet

- The PTO sends home a magnet with every student advertising our Annual Sponsors and highlighting the dates for our upcoming events.
- The sponsor logos have been simplified and the final draft of the magnet layout has been sent to Minute Man.
- When a price is received, the magnets will be ordered.

- ii. Courtyard Update
  - Chris Jones from Elite Lawnworks partnered with Coweta Spray Solutions to revamp our courtyard. They gutted, landscaped and spread new treated pine straw to transform the courtyard and allow students to use this outdoor space. We are grateful for their donations.
  
- c. Treasurer - Stephanie Willey
  - i. Accounts Update
    - Checking - \$51,042.96
    - Savings - \$10,559.66
  - ii. Spirit Wear Numbers
    - Sales so far total \$3,833.45. There are recent online orders that are not reflected in this total. Therefore, we are likely to meet our budgeted goal of \$4000.
  - iii. Direct Drive Numbers
    - Current total \$7545. This exceeds our budget.
  
- d. Corresponding Secretary - Rebecca Smith
  - i. Website & Social Media Updates
    - The PTO website and PTO Facebook page are up to date with our upcoming events and Spirit Nights. Links can also be found for Direct Drive donations and to order spirit wear.
    - General Meeting minutes will be uploaded to the website after each meeting. Previous meeting minutes are available to view.
  - ii. Teacher Favorite Things
    - Lists from the previous school year are available on the PTO website. Once new lists are received they will be updated.
  - iii. Spirit Nights
    - Our next Spirit Night will be at Partners Pizza Braelinn on Tuesday August 31st.

- A full list of upcoming Spirit Nights can be found on our website.
- e. Recording Secretary - Chloe Russell
- i. Participants “sign in”
- Thank you everyone for providing full names for the attendees list.

## **5. Committee Reports**

- a. Direct Drive - Meghan Simmons
- Direct Drive is a fundraising effort by the PTO to receive donations without selling items.
  - Donations were collected at the Kindergarten Mini Day and Meet the Teacher events, and flyers were also sent out last week.
  - The donations received so far represent 183 students from 131 families.
  - It is anticipated that more will be received.
  - Flyers can be sent home one more time.
  - Can run a popsicle event as a last drive.
  - A deadline will be set for before Fall Break for any remaining donations to be received.
- b. Pumpkin Run - Tara Johnson
- This event is scheduled for October 22nd.
  - There are drafts of the registration forms and the sponsorship forms.
  - The registration forms will go home with students and need to be returned by September 23rd. The company printing the t-shirts needs a total order number by September 24th.
  - A graphic for the t-shirts still needs to be designed with a pumpkin theme.
- c. Spirit Wear - Adrianna Marshburn (Amanda Moberly)

- The deadline for the second order has been extended to September 10th, as the first order still hasn't been received in full yet.
- As the Spirit Wear comes in, it will get sent home with students.

d. Hospitality - Catherine Wofford (Amanda Moberly)

- All sign ups are full for staff meetings.
- Are aware of staff appreciation days.

e. Running Club - Roni Yonka (Amanda Moberly)

- This begins on Monday August 30th for 2nd-5th grades.
- 1st grade can start in October.
- Students must be signed up through the PE website.
- There is also a link to a Sign Up genius on the PE website for parent volunteers. 4 parents are needed each morning to assist in scanning student's cards to track their laps.
- The PE department is also developing a fitness program for 4th and 5th grade students. This will be one morning a week (Monday or Wednesday) and will begin sometime in September.

**6. Principal's Report - Leigh Anne Borders**

a. Thank you

- To parents for a smooth start to the school year.
- To the PTO for the teacher gift cards and welcome breakfast.

b. School/Staff Updates

- Currently have 734 students (down 24 from last year).
- There are 15 new staff members.
- Class numbers by grade:  
Kindergarten: 5 teachers, 91 students

1st grade: 6 teachers, 105 students

2nd grade: 6 teachers, 130 students

3rd grade: 7 teachers, 142 students

4th grade: 5 teachers, 135 students

5th grade: 5 teachers, 131 students

- Specials are on a 6 day rotation schedule, so PE is every second day. Students are able to go to the Specials classrooms this year, instead of the Specials teachers visiting them in their homerooms.
- Mrs. Foerster is piloting a tech program for computer science for all grades. This will be separate to the regular Specials schedule.
- 5th grade will have a new report card format (the current 5th grade students received report cards in this format last year in 4th grade).
- A weekly update on Covid cases will continue to be provided. Some protocols that Peeples continues to follow include hand sanitiser stations throughout the school, availability of alcohol wipes, encouragement of frequent hand washing, wearing of masks until September 17th, and parallel seating charts (including in Specials classrooms).
- Lunch has been modified to allow only 2 grades per day to eat in the cafeteria, with other grades eating in classrooms.
- No visitors are allowed at this time.
- As of Tuesday this week, Nurse Powers had received 355 visits to the clinic, for a variety of reasons.
- As a Leader In Me school, Peeples has been awarded 'Lighthouse Recognition', which is the highest honor to receive. Students are doing leadership roles in the classroom, and have leadership notebooks. Student led conferences have been tentatively planned for February 4th 2022. It is undecided yet if these will be in school or at home.

c. Upcoming Events

- August 30th: Running Club begins for 2nd-5th grades.
- August 31st: Partners Pizza Braelinn Spirit Night.
- September 6th and 7th: Student holidays.
- September 9th: K-2nd Open House. Format for this (in school or virtual) is still to be decided.
- September 14th: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-7pm.
- September 16th: School Council meeting.
- September 21st: School picture day.
- September 21st: Zaxby's Spirit Night 5-8pm.

d. Needs

- Tables in the courtyard need to be stained.
- Now that the trees are gone, the landscaping at the front of the school needs to be cleaned up. The flower bed areas need to be weeded and mulched.

**7. Teacher's Report - Sarah Harmond**

- Teachers are grateful to the PTO for the gift cards they received at the beginning of the school year. They are used to buy supplies for their classrooms.
- Thanked the PTO for the welcome breakfast which was enjoyed by all.

**8. Old Business**

- No old business.

**9. New Business**

- A plan will be discussed at the next Board Meeting to improve the landscaping at the front of the building.
- The next General Meeting will be October 29th at 9.30am. This will also be a virtual meeting.

**10. Open Floor for PTO business specifically**

- No comments or questions.

**11. Adjourn**

- Motion - Stefanie Willey
- Second - Britney Matcheck

**Attendees for General Meeting, August 27th 2021:**

Amanda Moberly  
Buffy Blodgett  
Leigh Anne Borders  
Alejandra Bruijn  
Chloe Russell  
Britney Matcheck  
Wanda Godwin  
Sarah Harmond  
Stefanie Willey  
Gabriela Mendizabal  
Rebecca Smith  
Emily Ray  
Shalonda Sholes  
Laura Belanger  
Garret Massey  
Meghan Simmons  
Robert Isaac  
Saskia Arnesen  
Krista Heim  
Amy Etheridge