

April PTO Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2014

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jenni Stecher, Beth Chausow, Carrie Luttrell, Brianne Dorn, Sonya Land, Sandy Lohss, Steve Kadyk, Carol Borris, Toni Sharlow, Margi Goehl-Dolnick, Trista Mcswain, Steve Shane, Missy Bredbanner, Nell Collozza, Joanne, Peugh, Laura Beckman

Welcome All: Jenni Stecher welcomed everyone and read the following expectation of all PTO meetings

The expectation of all PTO meetings is for them to last for approximately one hour. According to the published bylaws, one purpose of our meetings is to “receive brief summary reports from all active committees.” Only PTO business will be discussed at our meetings. Any personal or school district related issues should be discussed outside of the meeting with the appropriate school administration at another time. One person at a time should speak so we may all hear each other, and the Recording Secretary is able to provide us with clear and concise minutes of each meeting. The appointed meeting facilitator reserves the right to move the meeting forward, which means possibly limiting the time someone has to present their information.

March Meeting Minutes Approval: Sonya Land, Brianne Dorn

Bring Your Own Device Presentation: Representatives from Parkway came and presented about a new Parkway endeavor for next year to allow students to bring their own device to school. Students will be allowed to bring technology, Ipads, Kindles, Ipods, Computers, Smart Devices, etc...to use in the classroom to further utilize technology in the classroom. It will be for grades 3, 4, and 5 and is already implemented in the upper grades. Educational apps including google doc and others will be used and students will be able to log into Parkway’s secure wireless system while at school. It is a voluntary program and classroom technology will still be available to students that do not bring a device to school. Many attendees had questions that the presenters answered questions to the best of their ability and all of the information is available on Parkway’s website.

Movie Night: The next movie night is Friday, May 2, 2014. Last Friday wasn’t as good as a turnout, but we made \$140. Kindergarten parents are helping for May’s movie night.

Trivia Night: Trivia night is April 26, 2014. Submit your order forms for your table reservations.

Saturday School: There is now school on April 26th, so we have to postpone the pancake breakfast scheduled for that morning. We may move that to the fall. Beautification is still on for that morning. Please volunteer if possible. The buy one get one book fair is still that day as well.

Volunteer Appreciation Party: There will be an appreciation night at Scarecrow restaurant, maybe the second Friday in May, but we may move it to a weeknight. Appetizers will be provided. Having it at a restaurant may help people feel more comfortable to attend.

Treasurer Report: The budget was made available to view.

Last Day of School: The last day of school is May 23, 2014. School will be in session from 9:05 to 12:30. Teachers will go all day to pack up their rooms and check out.

Spirit Day: Spirit Day is now Thursday May 22, 2014 because Friday is only a half day. A magician, Kona ice, and a DJ are lined up and will hopefully still all be there since we moved the party a day back. The DJ is the biggest concern, but we are pretty sure that it will all work out. Volunteers will be needed.

President's Report: Elections for the executive board are at May's meeting. The treasurer and assistant treasurer positions are 2 year positions and will not change. Beth will be the President elect for next year and Jenni as President for next year. They will look at the bi-laws and possibly change some of the responsibilities for the two positions and allow the President elect more responsibility. The two positions up for election are corresponding secretary and recording secretary and the two nominees are Sonya Land for corresponding and Brianne Dorn for recording. Chair people for the committees are greatly needed for next year if you are interested.

Voting Day: April 8th is voting day at the school. Volunteers are needed to help if you are available, there will be a sign up sheet going out.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9th is teacher appreciation week. There is a big lunch on Monday of that week, so teachers can eat the leftovers throughout the week. Monday and Tuesday is kids bring the flowers for staff. Wednesday is a coffee bar for the teachers for late start. Thursday the child-made books will be presented to the staff. Friday the clipboard gifts for staff will be presented. The clipboards were very affordable and if anyone is interested in helping out with various projects or have other ideas, let Jenni know.

Wellness: There will be a vision screening next year and we are also starting a dental program where dentists will come to the school on May 9th and do cleaning, Xrays, fluoride, etc.. If you have insurance they will bill it, if not, it's free. Dental problems can lead to other health problems. 25 people need to sign up to make it worth their time. Jump rope for the heart raised over \$7000 and we received \$600 to purchase new playground equipment. There will also be a new program from a grant from the Dairy counsel where students can check out a pedometer and earn charms for walking and running. There will also be a staff wellness initiative where a personal trainer may come in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will also be character wellness awards.

Teacher Report: There is no teacher report this month, but thank you for the birthday treats and thanks in advance for teacher appreciation week.

Principal's Report: Thank you so much for our parent community here. We could not do what we do without all the support and involvement from our parents. Parents are in our school and active and here helping with everything. Our children are respectful and we receive compliments from places that we go on field trips. We are so appreciative for the parent support for Saturday school on April 26th. We could not avoid it and know that although it is not ideal, we are grateful for the parent support. We understand if children cannot be here on April 26th, please just call and let the school know that they will not be here.

Adjourn: Reminder for next month's meeting.

Thank you for attending today's meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. Agenda items are due by May 5, 2014. The meeting was adjourned by Jenni Stecher.