

PTO Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015- 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Beth Chausow, Jenni Stecher, Brianne Dorn, Sonya Land, Kay Lundry, Amy Fitter, Debbie Palazzola, Raquel Henderson, Carrie Luttrell, Tiffany Johnson, Shilpa Rao, Ted Rump, Shelly Woodworth, Pam Miller, Jennie Iverson, Lisa Villareal, Shannon Walters, Leo Khalfin, Harish Gangadharanunni, Jessica Maiden, Trista McSwain, Kelly Fraser, Helen Humphrey, Michelle Duvall, Danielle Mosley, Monica Kornblum, Mary Dean, Nell Colozza, Kim Horsman, Julia Gonzalez, Jill Hahn, Renuka Bansal, Patty Raimondi, Woojin Robinson

Call to Order

Beth Chausow called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.

The expectation of all PTO meetings is for them to last for approximately one hour. According to the published bi-laws, one purposed of our meeting is to “receive brief summary reports form 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 administrator” 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.

Welcome

Beth Chausow welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

Volunteers sign up

Sonya Land reported about 125 people have signed up to volunteer for various school events. There is at least one person signed up for each committee. Sonya Land will email people to chair the committees.

The Room Parent Meeting

Sonya reported that The Room Parent meeting was held at 6:15 p.m. tonight and was a success.

Birthday Treats

There was one volunteer along with staff handing out the popsicles for August. Sonya Land will send out information inviting parents to volunteer during their child birthday month. More information can be found in an upcoming PTO email.

Classroom dues

Sonya Land stated dues are being collected now and are due September 14, 2015.

Book Fair

Volunteers have signed up. Beth Chausow stated Megan was not present to discuss the book fair but it will be held the week of October 5th.

Beautification

Patty Raimondi stated that volunteers can come any time during the working hours of 9am to noon to help on October 17, 2015. There will be a date in the spring. Patty said that she spoke with Mike to see if the Boy Scouts can help this year with the beautification. Nell Colozza stated that the Girl Scouts can also help.

Box Tops

Sonya Land mentioned that Box Tops are still being collected.

Fund raising was discussed by various attendees on how to get involved with Schnucks and Papa Johns.

Trivia Night

Sonya received and read the report from the Chair Steve Kadyk for Trivia Night to be held on February 27, 2016. Volunteers can sign up.

Election – Asst. Treasurer

Beth Chausow stated there are 3 candidates for the Assistant Treasurer position. An election must be held tonight. Beth announced the names of the candidates and each person stood when their name was called. A BIO was given to all attendees to view the candidates. Jenni Stecher encouraged the candidates to continue to volunteer if they do not win the election. It was discussed that possibly having the non-elected parties as members of the PTO Executive Board due to a present member have a 5th grader and will not here next year. Attendees voted and elected Michelle Duvall as the new Assistant Treasurer.

Back to School Carnival August 28th

Sonya reported that the event was a success. Jenni Stecher reported more hotdogs had to be bought when they ran out of them. Jenni Stecher stated that money was made on the positive from the hot dog sale. The money from the hotdogs covered the cost for the bubble bus and the Kona Ice proceeds paid for prizes. Jenni also explained why most events are planned on Fridays due to the fact that low turnout on Saturdays and the extra cost incurred for a janitor. She thanked all parents and volunteers for their contribution to the success of the event.

School Track

Nell Colozza reported that the school is working with Parkway School District to help replace the track. Fundraising began last year and funds are still needed to meet the replacement cost. The district will get a new bid on the cost. The committee is waiting to see how much money is received from the tumbler fundraiser. The budget was discussed by Beth Chausow as how funds are dispersed overall and used for certain school needs.

40th Anniversary Celebration/ Back to School Gift

Sonya reported that students will receive a special folder during the 40th anniversary celebration in lieu of the usual back to school gift this year.

Student Discipline

An attendee brought up how children are addressed and disciplined in the cafeteria by the on duty staff for their talking volume. Dr. Luttrell said that she and Debbie were already addressing it. Discussion was redirected to speak to Dr. Luttrell in person.

Principal's Report

Dr. Luttrell stated school started off to a great year. She reminded families to update their information online. Approximately, 100 families have not updated yet. The Buzz Book pulls and publishes information from that data. She will remind families again to update in her Friday newsletter.

Adjournment- Beth Chausow adjourned the meeting at 7:49p.m. The next PTO meeting will be January 12, 2016, at 9:15 a.m.