



PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 3, 2015 - 7:00pm ■ Patriot Elementary – Media Center

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Member-at-large:	Elizabeth Williams	eugenio_williams@hotmail.com

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Jacqie Hegarty at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes Secretary, Christy Huss, stated that the PTO General Meeting minutes from September 1, 2015 were posted on the Patriot website and distributed at the meeting. Don Hand made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Becky Medeck seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Officer Reports

President

Jacqie Hegarty

President Hegarty thanked everyone for coming. The Patriot PTO has another opportunity to make money without soliciting others. Red Robin has a loyalty program and if you log your card for Patriot (register online at redrobin.com/betterschools) and provide it when you dine, then the PTO will receive 1% of your sales.

Treasurer

Travis Cobb

Treasurer Cobb explained that the PTO is in a very good place at this time financially. It is expected that we should end the year with approximately \$13,000 if the fundraiser profits near budget and we spend according to budget.

Liberty the mascot made his debut at the meeting. Additional clothing will be forthcoming (Patriot shirt and hat). Liberty will be around for many school events and activities.

Vice President

Tracey Patras

No report.

Secretary

Christy Huss

Secretary Huss thanked everyone for submitting newsletter articles and encouraged everyone to continue to read the newsletter which is sent out on email.

Member-at-Large

Elizabeth Williams

School directories were passed out last month, if you need additional copies or have questions, please let Member-at-Large Williams know. Please like and mark "see first" on the Patriot Facebook page, Facebook users can also mark "get notifications".

Principal Reports

Principal

Dr. Anne Harley

Principal Harley introduction Rachael Stephenson, assistant principal at Patriot. Dr. Harley explained that last year we discussed AYP and talked in detail. NESA (state testing) report results were shared, there are 55 indicators. We are expected to have 100% proficiency in every indicator and every child in 3-6th grade were supposed to be at 100% and if you don't then you don't meet AYP. No school in any district across the state is able to do this in all 55 indicators. This is in place because of "No Child Left Behind" and are labeled as "Needs Improvement". However we celebrate as a district we are at the top of the heap and at 90% proficiency in reading and 85% in math. We are at 78% in science (tested only on 5th graders) and 86% (tested only on 4th graders) in writing. At Patriot, we have 93-98% proficiency in Reading, 89-95% in Math, 86% proficiency in Science, and 97% proficiency in Writing. The District is looking at adding other resources to measure within the school.

Questions – What does it mean if you "need improvement"? Simply it is something noted, but it does not affect Federal Funding because we are not a Title I school. If you need further information see Dr. Harley.

Assistant Principal

Rachael Stephenson

Assistant Principal Stephenson expressed that she has been very impressed with the parent support and overall support of the school and the generosity. Curriculum events have changed this year and the support has made them successful.

Unfinished Business

2015-2016 Directory

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Information was covered in the Member at Large report.

New Business

Fall Fundraiser Allocations

President Hegarty explained that the school and PTO board wanted members to understand what YOU are raising funds for. The school has created a "wish list" of needs within the school and will be shared for your information.

Mrs. Kush, Literacy Coach – requests LLI kits (intervention and core curriculum). These kits include books and lesson plans. These are organized in the file cabinets and they are ready for teachers to use. Patriot has Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade. We currently share 3rd & 4th Grade with Trumble Park – sometimes we are missing books and things are not available. The impact would be not be just for a Pride Time or Intervention group, but for the entire class and helps in word work, reading & comprehension, etc. PTO provides money yearly for guided reading and those funds would go towards these kits plus additional funds. Would like to buy red & gold kits for a total cost of \$9,635.

Mrs. Wolterman - Requests a new classroom rug. Her current rug is falling apart. It is the gathering place and it is a spot the kids use regularly all day long. The rug has individualized spaces and helps manage the classroom. Cost is \$325. Motion by Jennifer McDowell to purchase the new rug for \$325 and seconded by Paul Huss. Question – Is this the only rug needed? Yes. Motion approved unanimously!

Mrs. Hall – Band teacher. This is the most fun she has ever had at a PTO meeting. She has taught band and has picked up over the year that it is easier to do what her students do....instead of telling them, she shows them by playing along with them on the same instrument. It would be nice if she can have the instruments to use and to teach with and secondly if an instrument is forgotten, there would be one that can be used. We currently have 70 students in the band. This would allow them not to miss a lesson. Looks regularly for second hand instruments, would like to purchase a trumpet (to go along with a saxophone and snare drum). Estimated cost around \$300. Maintenance would be handled down the road. A motion to approve the purchase of the trumpet for \$300 was made by Melissa Gryzwa, seconded by Paul Huss, motion approved unanimously.

Walkie Talkies

Dr. Harley explained that every year she has added to the walkie talkies bank. One teacher from every grade level has one, some paras and Walking Club staff use them. The school makes sure to use good quality equipment and would like to purchase two for \$450. A motion was made by Lori Thomas and Monica Herd 2nd the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Cooks Night Out

Clinton Russell

Tonight's CNO at SPIN Pizza had quite the turnout. Which Wich provided \$85 for our 1st CNO night. Will be in discussion with The Egg & I and planning future CNOs.

Fall Fundraiser

Melissa Grzywa / Staci Wolf

There will be over 188 items, not including cookie dough. Cherrydale and Otis Spunkmeyer products are being offered. Orders will be due Nov 16th and pick up on December 18th. Kids are working to collect their monsters. If you would like to do a flat donation (100% goes to the school), and there are not prizes associated. With orders from the Cherrydale catalog Patriot will receive 50% profit and Otis Spunkmeyer orders we will receive 40% profit to come back to the school. The goal per child has been set at 15 items. If they sell 15 items, they get a "Golden Ticket" which is another incentive and another prize. Online orders that are \$75 or less will be charged a shipping fee.

Family Fun Night

Don Hand

Good turn out even though event had to be moved inside....lots of people showed up and we appreciated all the teacher support. Coming up looking we are looking at Coco Keys for January and Papio Bowl in March and another event for April.

Giving Tree

Becky Medeck/ Kamee Hale / Kathleen Swartz

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Cookies & Coco on November 19th and we will collect gifts Nov 30th & Dec. 4th.

SignupGenious link went out for volunteers. Please help remind everyone to keep tags with gifts when they are returned.

Hospitality

Ricki Strange

President Hegarty shared that there are 4 door prizes tonight and they are Starbucks gift cards.

Landscaping

Dan Benson / Joey Benson

We did a Fall Clean Up day and need additional volunteers to do weeding, please contact Dan/Joey for details. Tiger Cub Den 3, planted tulips and we appreciate their help. Some mums were also added. Looking at budget to have a professional potentially maintain on a regular schedule.

Monthly Snacks

Jen Doorlag

Snacks are provided on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for the Patriot staff. The committee is coordinating refreshments through SignUp Genius. Thank you to all that are helping.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Ricki Strange

The food and goodies provided during parent teacher conferences were very much appreciated by the staff.

Popcorn Day

Jennifer McDowell

Popcorn days are going well, kids get very excited. Have 4-5 people for support. If there is a special occasion and popcorn is wanted for the staff, we can do that. Next scheduled popcorn day is Nov. 13th.

Pride Parents

Monica Herd

Pride parents have helped with picture day and health screenings. Still need volunteer on Monday mornings.

Redemption

Melinda Ahrens

Just finished up the boxtop competition. Turned in 9,503 boxtops in one month. Thank you to the staff for dealing with the craziness. Shadow Lake deadlines are in the newsletter weekly. Shadow Lake is a point-based system and are deadline based. Hy-Vee is from September – December. Looking forward to a contest on the receipts coming up.

Spirit Wear

Melissa Grzywa / Lynn Brehm

All apparel has been distributed for the 2nd order. There was an additional \$2,000 in orders.

Staff Appreciation

Tina Peterson

First meeting will be in January to discuss plans.

Wellness

Lori Thomas

Thank you to all who participated in Teal Pumpkin Project. Would like to share information and some photos if you participated. Committee meeting next week.

Yearbook

Kim Erickson / Rachel McCann

Reminder that ordering for yearbook will take place in January. The Yearbook back cover contest is due on or before November 11th.

Announcements

Dr. Harley – We want to honor our Veterans – on November 11th, Pride Kids Care group has invited Veterans to walk during Walking Club and then into the library and then be escorted by a student to tour the school and into the classroom and will have cookies, juice, and coffee.

Fall Fundraiser

November 2nd – 16th

Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline

November 11th

Skate Night – Skate City

November 13th

5PM – 7PM

Bank Day

November 18th

Cookies & Cocoa

November 19th

6 – 7:30 PM

Delivery of Fall Fundraiser

December 11th

Bank Day

December 16th

Winter Party

December 18th

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Becky Medeck, motion was 2nd by Monica Herd. Motion was approved unanimously.

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Next Meeting Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 - 7:00pm | Patriot Elementary - Media Center

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