



PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday Sept 1st, 2015 - 7:00pm

Patriot Elementary – Media Center

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Jacqie Hegarty, President
President Hegarty – passed out magnets to new family members.

Minutes

Christy Huss, Secretary supplied minutes for the May 5, 2015 General Meeting.

- Motion to approve by Staci Wolf.
- Don Hand seconded the motion.
- No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously as presented.

President's Report:

Jacqie Hegarty

- Thank you for the turnout at the first PTO General Meeting.
- Discussion of Together A Greater Good (TAGG) app
 - It provides a percentage incentive back to Patriot for participating businesses based on user purchases. Enter your information and scan the QR code. Many local participating local businesses are involved.
- Tonight we will have four door prizes.

Vice President's Report:

Tracey Patras

- No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Travis Cobb

- Treasurer report on the table.
- Starting the year in a great place thanks to Boosterthon. There was \$7,000 left over after the playground expenses and other approved expenses.
- Thus far in 2015-2016, we are under budget for back to school night.
- We have sold an additional \$2,100 in spirit wear.

Secretary's Report

Christy Huss

- No report.

Member-at-Large Report Elizabeth Williams

- Any questions you have direct them to Elizabeth and she will do her best to help.

Principal Reports

Dr. Anne Harley

- Thank you for coming.
- Staff present this evening include: Mrs. Lynam, Mrs. Busby, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Inserra, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Simmons.
- Staff expressed appreciation.
 - Mrs. Kerri Simmons – Very thankful for all that the PTO does, especially the new playground equipment and the smart board and the new projector for PE. Additionally, the teacher stipends enhance what they can do in the classroom.
 - Mrs. Stephens loves the xylophone and the new risers.

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- Introduction of Rachael Stephenson as the new assistant principal.
- With regards to Redemptions, thank you for saving your Shadow Lake Cash for Class. We got 2nd place in the 2014-2015 school year and received \$1,500.
 - Also, note to save your Label for Education proof of purchases off of your Goldfish crackers.

Assistant Principal's Report

Rachael Stephenson

- No report.

Unfinished Business

- 2014-2015 Audit Committee
 - Committee confirmed that the financials were in order and completed without exceptions.
- Playground Development
 - Patriot loves new swings. The final bill came in under budget. Kids LOVE the improvement! There is still waiting in line, but not near as long.
- Back to School Night
 - Great participation and came in under budget. Spirit wear went crazy.
 - Thank you Staci Wolf for your planning efforts.
- Boo Hoo Breakfast
 - Wonderful turn out to the breakfast
 - Expenses came in under budget.
- Kindergarten Ice Cream Social
 - Hot day, many parents and children. Lots of ice cream given out and lots of socialization.

New Business

- Directory Opt-Out Form
 - A new directory will be published for the families of the Patriot students. All of the information comes from the school district.
 - IF you do not want to be included, please contact Elizabeth a new Opt-Out form must be completed every year.
- 2015-2016 Budget Adjustments
 - Background information: In 2013 when Dr. Harley arrived she was asked from students and parents about a mascot. In the past, she was told not to mess with mascots. Over the years, the request turned into a plea. Last year the 5th graders came to Dr. Harley and had discussions regarding a mascot and what it might look like. They also turned in a petition signed by of all 5th graders. She then discussed with Dr. Rikli and he was supportive. Dr. Harley worked with Staci and a co-worker to

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draft a mascot and had to meet with many criteria. Draft one was rejected by Central Office. Went back to the drawing board with the lion and idea that a family of lions is a "pride". Slide show was presented.

- Dan Benson made a motion to approve payment of the Graphic Artist fees to design the mascot in the amount of \$1,062.50.
 - Discussion: A discount was given based on the relationship between the Graphic Artist and Staci Wolf (\$25/hour).
 - Emily seconded the motion.
 - Motion was approved unanimously.
- Mascot
 - Many students asked "where is Liberty" –A full mascot costume could be designed for approximately \$3-4k. The costume – brown outfit is on sale for \$900 and Dr. Harley will donate the fabric and materials to make the costume. Staci Wolf has volunteered to sew the outfit. Costume would be used for many activities including Cooks Night Out, Back to School Night, Lunch with Students, etc.
 - Don Hand made a motion to purchase the costume in the amount of \$986.26.
 - Discussion: In future budgets, care and cleaning need to be factored.
 - Paul Huss seconded the motion.
 - Motion was approved unanimously.
- Field Trips
 - A couple of field trip invoices \$940 totaling from the 2014-2015 school year came in over the summer. Asking for a motion to adjust the budget with an increase \$1,500 to cover these expenses.
 - Paul Huss made the motion to increase the 2015-2016 field trip budget by \$1,500.
 - No discussion.
 - Becky Medeck seconded the motion.
 - Motion was approved unanimously.
- Mrs. Stevens was informed of an opportunity for 4th & 5th Grade students to play recorders with the Omaha Symphony. Mrs. Stevens would like to do this with the 5th graders, cost is \$5/student. This opportunity would be at the Holland Center. There are 83 – 5th Grade Patriot students for a total cost of \$415. Mrs. Stevens will do this in music class with the students (March 2nd or 3rd).
 - Thanks to changes in the budget approved earlier, this experience will be able to be funded.

Committee Reports

Thank you to everyone for stepping up to chair and participate on a committee. Committee Chairs please hang on to red folders and turn them in once the After-Action report is complete.

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Cooks Night Out Clinton Russell

1st CNO – September 21st at Which Which - LaVista 5-8 pm for ALL sales. Will receive 10-20%

Looking at profitable options and what we have done in the past to set up future events. Any ideas please contact Clinton Russell.

Fall Fundraiser Melissa Grzywa / Staci Wolf

This year's fundraiser is happening at a later than normal date. It will kickoff on, November 2nd, we will be selling products from Cherrydale & Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. This is the only scheduled fundraiser. Orders will be due November 16th with delivery on December 11th.

Family Fun Night Don Hand

Will look at fun events for the year.

Giving Tree Becky Medeck/ Kamee Hale / Kathleen Swartz

Looking for ways to make the project "different" to keep interest level up. Patriot continues to be inspired by helping people and making such a difference. Typically we help 25-30 individuals each year and the differences made for these families is amazing. Giving Tree is a great way to teach our children the importance to giving back to our community. The chairs will reach out to Offut again (Wounded Warrior Program and others in need) as well as district families that are in need, as well as Monarch Villa Sr. Center. Will need help to wrap gifts and helping with Cookies and Cocoa. Pride Council helps out a great deal with this project. Can also take gift wrap, bows, gift bags, tissue paper, etc.

Hospitality Ricki Strange

We will be trying to get door prizes organized as well as setting up a welcome committee and putting together new family packets.

Landscaping Dan Benson / Joey Benson

Creating a plan. There are current needs which include weeding, mulch, and trees that need to be replaces. Would like to see some bright flowers added. Since PTO installed the landscaping, District Grounds will not maintain the grounds.

Monthly Snacks Jen Doorlag

The 2nd Wednesday of the month is designated for the PTO to bring snacks for the staff. Will be using Sing-up Genius to arrange. Will add information to newsletter. Approximately 70 staff members to share in these treats.

Parent Teacher Conferences Ricki Strange

Food are brought in during the days of conferences for the staff

Popcorn Day Jennifer McDowell

Popcorn days are on the same days as skating party days. These will happen 4-5 times a year.

Pride Parents Monica Herd

Volunteers during the day with health screening, picture day, etc. Every Monday a group of parents gather to assist staff with "projects" that they need to be done – Starts Sept 14th.

Redemption Melinda Ahrens

Shadow Lake Cash for Class program runs all year long and receipts are date sensitive, Hy-Vee Cash for Students program runs now through December and receipts are not date sensitive. The Labels for Education program accepts brands including Pepridge Farms & Campbells. Keep clipping Boxtops for Education & watch expiration dates. Tyson – clip EVERYTHING so that we can collect the \$.24 each.

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Spirit Wear

Melissa Grzywa / Lynn Brehm

First order was placed last Friday and expected turnaround is 2 weeks. 2nd & final order to be placed October 8th. Can get on website, Facebook and school newsletter.

Staff Appreciation

Tina Peterson

Chairs are excited to volunteer.

Wellness

Lori Thomas

Lots of ideas including a cooking competition for the kids and Marty Wolf – The Biggest Loser in October are being planned.

Yearbook

Kim Erickson / Rachel McCann

Take camera photos versus cell phones.

Announcements

Skate Night – Skate City	September 18	5PM – 7PM
Monday Morning Pride Parents	September 14	8:15 am
Parent Teacher Conferences	Sept 22-23	
Picture Day	September 24	
Bank Day	September 30	
Fall Parties	October 30	
Fall Fundraiser	November 2nd	

Door Prize are awarded to Jennifer McDowell, Kim Lynam, Charisse Stanger &, Aleasa Armstrong.

Motion to adjourn by Medeck and seconded by Gryzwa at 8:07 pm

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