



**PTO General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 - 7:00pm**  
**Patriot Elementary – Media Center**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting was called to order by Jacqie Hegarty at 7:02 p.m.
<b>Minutes</b>	Jennifer McDowell, secretary, supplied minutes for the January 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christy motioned for the minutes to be accepted. Seconded.</li><li>• No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously as presented.</li></ul>
<b>Officer's Reports</b>	
<b>President's Report</b>	Jacqie Hegarty <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten Roundup, lots of things coming up - Boosterthon, Food Drive, Teacher Appreciation Week</li></ul>
<b>Vice President's Report</b>	Heather Hochstetler <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not here because Willow was born a week ago. She is adorable, and they are both doing well.</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Tallie Colvin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current budget on table. Sitting better. Expenses have been lower – cookies for class parties were lower. Split budget by where it is spent. Try to spend money on the school, staff, and students. Check out the budget for how everything is spent.</li></ul>
<b>Secretary's Report</b>	Jennifer McDowell <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday newsletter is working well. Make sure to get any news to me by Monday.</li></ul>
<b>Member-at-Large Report</b>	Nicholle Reisdorff <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nothing to report</li></ul>
<b>Principal's Reports</b>	
Principal	Dr. Troy Juracek <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent teacher conferences next week - what we can do to push things and your student's success. Staff reach out to parents using SeeSaw. Great connection for parents and students. Ami and Troy will be here next year. Getting ready for NESAs, conferences, evaluations, hiring, etc.</li></ul>
Assistant Principal	Ami Nichols <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten roundup - very exciting - crying then happiness. Update on PBIS - Team lead - K12 initiative - build on the philosophies of Patriot - reinforce kids doing the right thing. Catching them doing the right thing. Positive reinforcers. Be Safe, Be responsible, Be respectful in the classroom and beyond. Looking forward to jumping into that. Pride groups - giving kids the chance to mingle with other grades. Assemblies to recognize kids. May be asking for a few funds - try to use time - time for electronics, but nice to have something tangible</li></ul>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	
<b>Makerspace</b>	Tina LaMontagne <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meetup - present makerspace - 6 out of 10 days here. Anna Eckhoff aekhoff@paplv.org - Letting kids solve problems, create and be. Students gather to build projects. Robots, Legos, STEM, libraries are places for design and empowering students. Wrote grants. Haven't heard yet on the grant. Providing</li></ul>

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access to an area where students can create and contribute. OSMO - apps that go with the iPad. Free, super interactive. Even kindergarteners loved it. Pizza company kit, drawing kit, etc. Dash and Dot - programming robot. Primary robot and Makey Makey - created a water piano. Did an hour of code in the Fall. Super engaging. Already have snap circuits, marble works, appliance creation station. Brain buckets - Steam and STEM problems. Anybody can do projects - all encourage creativity and learning. PLC time at the end of the day. 4 times in the school year - create after school clubs, robotics club. Hopefully will get the grant. Straws, popsicle sticks, noodles, strings, very open ended. Play at the end of the meeting.

Watchdog Information - Defer that to future meeting

Radio Purchase - Waiting until May after Boosterthon

### **New Business**

Open the floor for 2017-2018 Board Positions

- Starting as of today, open up the floor for everything except Treasurer. Candidate application on Facebook and Newsletter

Request Chairmen for Spirit Wear, Back to School Night, Hospitality

- Start Spirit Wear this Spring if you go with Big Ink. 10 year anniversary shirt
- Back to School Night - add some 10-year anniversary stuff to it - August 14th.
- Tara will continue as Hospitality Chair
- Yearbook too - think of the yearbook with the 10-year anniversary

Request 2016-2017 Audit Committee

- Staci Wolf has volunteered. Need one more person - Monica Herd

Absentee Ballots

- Multiple people running, we will have absentee ballots - May 10th and 11th. Will have times closer to the date

Snack Committee

- Melissa Gryzwa reported on snack committee - nice to get ahead of next year. Be consistent across the board and everyone gets the same thing. Worked out much better being here and provided rather than parents bringing food. At the beginning of the year, have parents donate \$5 per kid. School cannot ask for a donation. PTO can ask for a donation though. \$5 donation per kid at Back to School Night. Maybe make the snack committee part of wellness committee. Motion for a point of contact and donation on Back to School Night.
- Possible to use the Spirit Wear money to purchase second microwave. A motion to have spirit wear profit buy microwave by Melissa Gryzwa. Seconded. Passed.

### **Committee Reports**

*Redemptions*

*Melinda Ahrens*

\$635 box tops

*Boosterthon*

*Ryan Hochstetler*

Sponsorship money in. Covers cost of shirts plus extra money left over. Art work is coming in from the sponsors for the T-shirts. Some discussion about why we aren't putting Patriot on it. Save money

*Cooks Night Out (CNO)*

*Clinton Russell*

PotBelly - March 28th. Five guys - \$138

20% of all sales. Teacher that brings in the most students gets a cookie party



### *Yearbook*

*Kim Erickson & Rachel McCann*

342 yearbooks - less students this year. Completed by the 31st of March. Delivery by the 10th of May.

### *Hospitality*

*Tara Arch*

New Welcome letter from the Principal. 30 new families

### *Landscaping*

*Andy Ervin*

No report

### *Staff Appreciation*

*Tina Peterson*

May 1st through 5th - something everyday

Tuesday - Joe on the Go; Fun thing on May Day Lunch, Breakfast, sign up genius. Work with Hy-Vee as they were really nice. Stock the lounge. Snack type of bar on Friday. Chik-Fil-A - sandwiches. Parents \$5 gift cards. Already getting in donations from all over. Invites will be printed at Sam's. Should be good.

### *Teacher Monthly Snacks*

*Jen Doorlag*

March 22nd. Matched up with the birthday committee this month, so had tons of food

### *Parent Teacher Conferences*

*Margaret Petersen & Danielle Inserra*

Valentinos on Wednesday, signup genius

### *Popcorn*

*Monica Herd & Amber Van Dyke*

2 more popcorn days - under budget. Will be popping for Kindergarten Roundup

### *Family Fun Night*

*Clay Seaman & Chad Kaseman*

Something awesome coming

### *Pride Parents*

*Elizabeth Williams*

Any free time, please join us.

Teacher totes handed out on the 100th day. 6 left over for drawings tonight!

Julia Genard

Todd Thomas

Crystal Neese

Tara Arch

Lynn Brehm

Stacie Gaul

### **Announcements**

Skate City

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Kindergarten Roundup

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cooks Night Out at PotBelly

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Paul - 7:59 p.m.