

PTO General Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

Attendees:

PTO Board- Juli Watkins (President), Kyle Boeglin (VP Fundraising), Shannon Brandow (Treasurer) and Vicki Kravitz (Secretary)

Staff- Lacey Dahl (Principal), Carol Eschen (PE) & Kathryn Johnson (Art)

PTO Members- Heather Myhr, Brett Martin, Jessica Booth, Josh Curry, Renee Curry, Kristi Moore & Lana Tasker

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Principal's Report Lacey will be discussing budget and staffing for the 2017/18 school year at next week's SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting Monday March 13th @ 8:30. Additionally, Lacey touched on the school's plan to provide treats and fun activities for PARCC Testing (and CMAS for 5th Grade). The testing impacts grades 3-6. Students in the younger grades will be making motivational posters.

3. Teachers Report- (*A different group of teachers presents at each PTO meeting*)

The Specials Teachers, Carol Eschen, PE & Kathryn Johnson, Art (Beth Oberg, Music was unable to attend the meeting) discussed how they incorporate Artful Learning Units in their classrooms. For example, in PE, students use scooters, jump ropes & basketballs to demonstrate Cause and Effect. Additionally, for the 6th Grade Interdependence Unit, students work together to create a dance/creative movement sequence. During Field Day, stations are created to emphasize Artful Learning concepts.

In Art, students have made glass fusion projects which demonstrate Cause and Effect. For the 5th Grade Perspective Unit, students have learned linear and atmospheric painting and drawing. The 6th Graders will be picking an art project to complete and will be responsible for the planning and creation. Additionally, Ms. Johnson announced that the District Art Show will be held March 31-April 3rd this year.

Currently, PE uses the Exercise Club to help fund additional resources and Art uses funds raised through Artsonia. Juli wanted to make sure that the Specials Teachers know they can also request PTO grants for additional support.

Lacey announced that Mrs. Oberg will be leaving the school at the end of the year and her position has already been posted.

4. Officer's Reports

a. **President- Juli Watkins-** Juli discussed the following:

- **Read-A-Thon-** We raised \$4959 which wasn't quite where we wanted to be, however, the students and staff enjoyed reading together so overall, the fundraiser was a success. While the Read-A-Thon was an on-line program, we can accept checks/cash for deposit.
- **Artful Learning Support-** During the first 3 years of the Artful Learning roll-out, a special grant was allocated by the District to support the program. Currently, however, there are no additional funds and it is estimated that each unit costs approx \$1500 in consumables that must be purchased each year (paint, glass, etc). Additionally, Lacey estimates that starting a new unit from scratch costs approx \$2000. Going forward, the PTO will need to continue to support Artful Learning Units.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences-** Ashleigh Farrell has offered to provide meals/treats for the conferences. Renee Curry has also offered to provide sweet treats for the teachers. We will be looking for additional support from parents during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- b. **VP Fundraising- Kyle Boeglin**
 - **Read-A-Thon-** see above
- c. **VP Communications- Shanequa Baker** was unable to attend the meeting, however, there is nothing new to report.
- d. **Secretary- Vicki Kravitz** The PTO Binder with past minutes and bylaws are located in the school office and are available upon request.
- e. **Treasurer- Shannon Brandow** Shannon discussed the Budget Variance and Checkbook Activity documents. She noted that there is currently money left over from the Artful Learning 2016 Grant and is wondering if we never received the receipts for reimbursement or did the school not need this money? Lacey indicated that the money can be used by 3rd Grade for their units. Additionally, Shannon stated that the Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night check wasn't as much as we usually get and she wondered if perhaps there was an issue with the fliers.

5. Minutes: Review of minutes from 2.15.17- Minutes approved (15:0).

6. Grant Requests

- a. **PARCC/CMAS Testing Treats** The school is requesting \$450 to purchase treats (stickers, starbursts, etc.) for students impacted by state testing (aprox 315 students). **Vote results to approve grant: (15:0).**
- b. **Sound Boxes** Mrs. Emmons is requesting \$350 to create sound proof boxes where students can make recordings without distractions. These will be used by each grade. **Vote results to approve grant: (15:0).**

7. New Business-

- a. **Nomination process of PTO Board for 2017-18 School Year** Please let the Board know if you are interested in serving next year. Nominations are due April 10th and the vote will be held May 17th.

8. Teacher Dismissal

9. Monthly Drawing for Parking Spot- Nicole Heisser was the winner of the PTO parking spot.