

# PTO General Meeting Minutes

## May 17, 2017

### Attendees:

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

**Staff-** Jen Bass (Assistant Principal), Cindy Bledsoe (1st Grade) & Jacki Bledsoe (1st Grade)

**PTO Members-** Heather Myhr, Brett Martin, Kristi Moore, Jen Blubaugh, Alishia Sandecki, Stephen Sandecki, Jen Dobosz, Ashleigh Farrell, Nicole Heisser & Tanya Nobel

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

**2. Principal's Report** Lacey was unable to attend the meeting, however Jen Bass provided the following updates:

- **Kindie Round-Up-** There will be a Kindie Round-Up Thursday May 25th from 6-7
- **6th Grade Outdoor Ed-** There are plans to have Outdoor Ed at the beginning of next year. For the past 3 years, the 6th graders have not participated in an Outdoor Ed program. Jen indicated that the program will not have an overnight feature but it will include a couple of day trips.
- **Hiring-** Hiring of new staff for next year is going great. A question was posed to Jen regarding the cause of the high numbers of turn over expected next year and the impacts to Artful Learning. Jen indicated that the reasons behind teachers leaving next year are varied and do not appear to be caused by a general dissatisfaction in the school. With respects to Artful Learning, new teachers will go through training and they receive the support of their existing team counterparts.

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

The 1st Grade Teachers, Cindy Bledsoe & Jacki Bledsoe, (Nikkole Anderson was unable to attend the meeting), discussed their up and coming Artful Learning Program and Open House on Friday May 19, 2017. Students have been busy studying Perspective with Georgia O'Keefe, Legacy with Jasper Johns and Connections with Legos.

### 4. Officer's Reports

- a. **President- Juli Watkins-** Juli discussed the following:
  - **Teacher Appreciation Week-** Ashleigh put together another awesome week for the teachers!
  - **Muffins with Mom-** This went well and it was under budget. Please forward any feedback to the PTO.
  - **Spirit Wear-** Juli is currently working with Lacey to have Spirit Wear available for the Staff before the next school year. Additionally, families will be able to order their own Spirit Wear on-line and a portion of the cost will come back to the school.
  - **Spirit Shop-** The Spirit Shop will be retired at the end of this school year. We are planning to have a "Going Out of Business" sale.
- b. **VP Fundraising- Kyle Boeglin** There was nothing new to report.
- 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.

**5. Minutes: Review of minutes from 4.19.17- Minutes approved (17:0).**

**6. Grant Requests-**

Student Council (headed by Jacki Bledsoe), recently raised \$350 in their "Nickels for Novels" campaign to raise funds to purchase new books for the Reading Resource Room. Jacki is requesting a grant from the PTO of \$1400 to supplement this endeavor. The additional funds will allow for each grade to receive approx 10 books. The PTO Board had recently voted to approve a grant of \$650, therefore, in a quick side vote, the PTO Board Members in attendance voted to approve the increase to \$1400. **Resolution: Board voted to approve the grant request (4:0).** The vote then proceeded to the General PTO Members and was approved. **Vote results to approve grant: (17:0).**

**7. New Business-**

- a. **Last Day of School Froyo Gift-** The PTO will be ordering Froyo for each student on the last day. We are asking that if parents know for sure their child won't be there, to let us know. Teachers will be receiving labels to fill out with the students' names. Kyle will bring the 6th Graders their Froyo at the MAC on May 31st. We are also looking for volunteers to help label and deliver the Froyo to the classrooms.
- b. **2017-2018 PTO Board Election-** The proposed PTO Board for the 2017/2018 year was voted upon. **Vote Results- Board approved (17:0).**
  - **Co-Presidents- Brett Martin & Juli Watkins**
  - **VP- Tanya Nobel- Tanya Nobel**
  - **Treasurer- Shannon Brandow**
  - **Secretary- Alishia Sandecki**
  - **Staff Member at Large- Nikkole Anderson**

**8. Teacher Dismissal**

**9. Monthly Drawing for Parking Spot-** Tanya Nobel was the winner of the PTO parking spot.