

PTO General Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2017

Attendees:

PTO Board: Juli Watkins (President), Brett Martin (Co-President), Tanya Nobel (Vice President), Shannon Brandow (Treasurer), Alishia Sandeck (Secretary).

Staff: Lacey Dahl (Principal), Jenn Bass (Assistant Principal), Cindy Bledsoe and Jacki Bledsoe (1st Grade Team).

PTO Members: Ashleigh Farrell, Heather Myher, Carrie Iverson, Laura Tapparo, Danielle DuFour, Jessica Booth, Shannon Fenske, Kristie Moore, Don Wick, Lee Oliver, Valerie Jones, and Nicole Heisser.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Principal's Report-

- 6th graders had their first two-day camp, rather than one overnight. They loved it.
- Growth scores are an amazing achievement – 89% increase in ELA growth and 63% increase in Math growth
- Looking for a part-time playground duty
- The projected student count 487; we now have 453.
 - We have a contingency account set up to cover for shortened enrollment.

3. Teachers Report-

- Units-
 - Fall concept: Perspective- Master Work Georgia O'Keefe's "Jimson Weed"
 - Winter Concept: Legacy- Master Work Jasper Johns' "Flag 1954"
 - Spring Concept: Connection's- Master Work Ole Kirk Christensen "Lego Brick"
- Each Inquiry Center consist of four parts:
 - Experience, Inquire, Create, and Reflect.
 - To conclude each unit, the children then create an Original Creation to show their learning.

4. Officers Report-

- **President- Juli Watkins**
 - Juli and Brett are co-presidents this year. Juli has served as president the past two years and is working with Brett so that he can take over as PTO president next year.

- Combined the PTO's traditional Back-to-School Social with the school's supply drop off the Friday before school started, which was very successful!
- Kona Ice gave out 304 snow cones, that is an increase from about 250 the previous year!
- The key PTO dates are online but were also sent home in Friday Folders.
- Upcoming events the PTO is working on include Donuts with Dads and the Fun Run.
- We separated three years ago from the DCEF (Douglas County Educational Foundation) to become our own 501(c)3 organization with our own Tax ID number. All the history can be found in the big blue binder located in the school's office.
- **Secretary- Alishia Sandecki**
 - The PTO binder with past/ updated minutes and bylaws are in the school office and are available upon request.
- **Treasurer- Shannon Brandow-** Shannon reviewed the current proposed budget with the following highlights
 - Read- A-Thon will now be known as Spring Fundraiser.
 - Spirit Wear should be purchased before deadline.
 - Back to School event was Kona Ice.
 - Fun Run donations will fund \$5,000 each to: before- and after-school clubs, book purchases for the Reading Resource Room, and underwriting an immersive music field trip for all students.
 - Fall Festival will be held again during the school day on Halloween for all students.
 - Fun Run money from last year will roll over and be used to continue to enhance the maker space.
 - Muffins with Moms (including gluten-free muffins) projected budget \$700.
 - Projector and Document Camera, vital to the school
 - Sumer send-off at the end of school – froyo-to-go
 - Teacher week/ Teacher appreciation
 - Winter event TBD
 - Scrip Program – Families can purchase merchant gift cards and each donates a certain percentage to the school.
- **Vote Results of Proposed Budget: (23:0).**
- **Vice-president- Tanya Nobel:** MOD Pizza \$1,627 approx. \$162.71. (After our general meeting, they decided to give us back 15% rather than 10% which totals to approx. \$244.06!).

5. Minutes: Review of Minutes from 5.17.17- Minutes Approved: (23:0).

6. New Business

- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - **Coordinator-** This person would serve as the point person for all PTO volunteer coordination. The chair person will work closely with the PTO President and other Board members to ensure volunteer positions are identified and filled.
 - **Donuts with Dads-** (We need Moms to help with this event) we need someone to plan and execute these events this school year, Donuts with Dads is on September 1st.
 - **Muffins with Moms-** (We need Dads to help with this event) we need someone to plan and execute these events this school year, Muffins with Moms is on May 11th.
- **Fun Run-** Kick off assembly 2 weeks prior to the event on Sept. 6.
 - Go by grade level during Specials periods
 - We will need parent volunteers to supplement 6th graders
 - T-shirts will be available
 - We need ideas for incentive (making principle do something for the funds raised)
 - There will be a link for Sign-up Genius.
 - Proceeds will be used to fund expansion of before- and after-school clubs, book purchases for the Reading Resource Room, and underwriting an immersive music field trip for all students in the spring.

7. Teacher Dismissal

8. Committee Breakout & Discussion of Immediate Needs (See New Business above).

9. Monthly Drawing for Parking Spot- Winner was Shannon Brandow!