

PTO General Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Attendees:

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

Staff- Lacey Dahl (Principal), Kimberly Lindbloom (5th Grade) & Michelle James (5th Grade).

PTO Members- Heather Myhr, Brett Martin, Jessica Booth, Jen Dobosz & Rick Tasker

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Principal's Report

Lacey informed the group that at the next School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting, March 13th at 8:30, she will be going over the budget for the following year. So far, the budget is looking good and there are no new charter schools opening next year.

Additionally, Lacey was asked if the cones on Butterfield around the crosswalk are permanent or will they go away? At this point, the cones will continue to be put out to help direct traffic away from the crosswalk.

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

The 5th Grade teachers (Kimberly Lindbloom & Michelle James- Marie Banas was unable to attend the meeting) discussed their recent Artful Unit, "Cause and Effect". Their current Master Work is the painting "San Giorgio Maggiore at Dusk" by Claude Monet. Monet's painting style lends itself well to a Cause and Effect unit since many of his works show the effects of lighting on various landscapes.

Additionally, the 5th grade teachers discussed the up and coming Art Show and Silent Auction which will be held April 20th. This is the 3rd year in a row that the students will be sponsoring the Art Show. This started as a Change Project by a few students 3 years ago and has turned into an anticipated annual event! The money raised will be used to promote Artful Learning. The classes are requesting artwork donations as well as art supplies. The art supplies will be used to fill 2 baskets, one will be available to bid on at the art show and the other will be raffled off.

4. Officer's Reports

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

- **Read-A-Thon-** The Read-A-Thon starts 2.16.17 and we have already received \$1,195 in donations! Students (and staff!) will be encouraged to dress up as their favorite literary character on the last day (3.2.17).
- **Parent/Teacher Conference & PARCC Treats-** The PTO would like to know if the staff would like to have treats/food for conferences as we have done in the past? Lacey and the 5th grade teachers said that would be wonderful! Additionally, Lacey informed the group that the teachers have been discussing having treats and fun activities set up for PARCC (and CMAS for 5th Grade) testing in April. It was suggested that teachers send Sign-Up Geniuses for parents to donate items and the PTO can help support this effort as well.
- **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. We are starting to see some of the Maker Space purchases come through on Amazon.

5. Minutes: Review of minutes from 1.18.17- Minutes approved (12:0).

6. Grant Requests- There were no new grant requests.

7. New Business- See Officer's Report above.

8. Teacher Dismissal

9. Monthly Drawing for Parking Spot- Juli Watkins was the winner of the PTO parking spot.