

PTO General Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017

Attendees:

PTO Board- Juli Watkins (President), Kyle Boeglin (VP Fundraising), Shannon Brandow (Treasurer), Nikkole Anderson (Staff Member at Large), Shanequa Baker (VP Communications) and Vicki Kravitz (Secretary)

Staff- Lacey Dahl (Principal), Jen Bass (Assistant Principal), Tonja Peacock (Professional Learning Specialist), Jenny Lamoreaux (2nd Grade), Amy Voss (2nd Grade) & Lyndsie Ramirez (2nd Grade)

PTO Members- Heather Myhr, Brett Martin, Jessica Booth, Renee Curry, Joshua Curry, Jen Dobosz, Nicole Heisser & Kristi Moore

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Principal's Report

Lacey did not have anything new to report, however, there was a question about how the "soft start" (where students head directly to their classrooms) has been working. Overall, the soft start has received positive feedback from both students and teachers. The only change seems to be an increase in traffic at drop off. The school regularly reviews and works with Castle Rock PD to ensure traffic flow and rules are implemented to ensure the safety of the children.

a. Drafting vision statement for the school- Tonja Peacock The school is looking to refresh its Vision Statement to incorporate Artful Learning. Administration is looking for parent input and have already asked Student Council for input.

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

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4. Officer's Reports

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

- Unfortunately, due to additional work responsibilities, Rebecca Garrett has had to resign as VP of External Communication. Rebecca will continue to provide guidance on the rebranding effort through the remainder of the year. As to the VP role, the role will revert back to VP of Communications headed by Shanequa Baker.
- Bylaws- Juli handed out copies of the Bylaws. There have not been any changes, however, if there are any comments/questions, please let the PTO know.
- Strategic Action Plan- Juli handed out copies of the Strategic Action Plan. This is a living document. If there are any comments/questions, please let the PTO know.
- Keydates Document Spring- This will be going home in the Friday Folders 1.20.17.

- FROYO-to-Go- The next date is January 27th and we are still looking for volunteers. **Action Item- Please contact the PTO if you can help!**
- b. **VP Fundraising- Kyle Boeglin**
 - **Read-A-Thon-** Copies of the RAT plan were handed out. The RAT will start 2.16.17 and conclude 3.2.17. Our goal is to raise \$8,500 which will be used for: the Maker Space, collaboration areas in the library and painting the main entrance atrium and the library's atrium. We will once again have a parent participation program. **Action Item- We are looking for sponsorships for the Read-A-Thon. Please contact the PTO if you know anyone who would like to be a sponsor.**
- c. **VP Communications- Shanequa Baker** 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 anticipate the Fun Run Maker Space Grant monies to be used soon.

5. **Minutes: Review of minutes from 11.16.16- Minutes approved (19:0).**

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-** Brett Martin was the winner of the PTO parking spot.

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