

## **PETERSON PTA MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 11, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 am**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

### **B. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **Allison Landstrom, Principal**

Mrs. Landstrom could not attend the meeting, so Mrs. Witkowski shared information.

- Online conference sign-up begins on Monday, 10/15 at 10:00 am. You will receive an email/link that that will require you to use your Home Access username & password.
- Conference slots are 25 minutes (20 minute conference, 5 minute passing period).
- Lunch- Please no glass containers. Bring silverware & napkins. No budget for supplies.
- Parents' Survey- Parents are thanked for their participation. Information will be shared to staff and parents soon.
- Conferences- If parents need a conference at any point during the year, contact your teacher. No need to wait for formal parent-teacher conferences.
- Push Coin- Replenish accounts for hot lunch.

#### **Joann Frisby, President**

- Toiletry Drive- Peterson is partnering with Fry Elementary School. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact Joann Frisby.
- PTA Volunteer Raffle- Congratulations to Ardita Sharma for winning an Amazon gift card! The next drawing is at the next PTA meeting on Thursday, November 8... 7:00 pm.

#### **Sarah Siffer, Vice-President**

- The Orange Ruler Fun Run is rapidly approaching. Parents are invited to support the students at the Fun Run on 11/15. It will be held outside (weather permitting), otherwise it will be held in the gymnasium. More information soon.
- The Kick-Off assembly is on 10/30.
- No volunteers are needed since Orange Ruler does it all.

- Fundraising Ideas- We are currently in the process of brainstorming ideas to improve Peterson and to enhance the students' learning experience. Mrs. Landstrom and Mrs. Witkowski suggested raising funds for additional flexible seating in the classrooms and/or adding more items to the LMC's Think Zone. The PTA is looking into a new digital school sign to replace the existing sign on Chinaberry. Any other suggestions? Email Sarah.

### **Jessica Elliot, Treasurer**

Jessica could not attend today's meeting, so Joann presented the budget.

- PTA members viewed the monthly financial report 9/2018.
- Joann asked for budget approval. Valerie G. made a motion and Jen T. second the motion. Budget was approved.

## **C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Hospitality, Valerie & Amy**

- The Welcome Back Breakfast was a success! Thanks to the volunteers & donations.

### **WATCHDOGS, Leslie S.**

- Tuesday & Thursday morning greeters are still needed. Please contact Leslie.

### **Monster Mash Bash, Angela S. & Joann F.**

- Planning is going well. Volunteers are still needed, but for those of you who have already signed up, you will receive volunteer stickers. Parents and children- wear your costumes!

### **Holiday Shop, Kim W.**

- The Holiday Shop is on December 11 from 9:00-3:00. There will be different vendors selling art, crafts, and store-bought items for a minimal price. Money envelopes will be sent home early December.
- Interested in selling at the Holiday Shop? Or volunteering to assist students? Look for a flyer in November for more information or contact Jen Tedrow.

**After School Activities, Kathy E.**

- Chess Club is still going and ends on November 29.
- The next session for Engineering for Kids begins on October 26. We received a check for \$410 from the first session.

**Spirit Wear, Emily B.**

- Since the reopening of the store, 60 more items were sold. Spirit day is 10/12!

**Dinner Nights, Aarti & Ekta**

- We made \$125 from Delicia Mexican Grill.
- The next Dinner Night is at Macalisters Deli from 5:00-9:00 on 10/24. They will give 15% of their sales to Peterson.

**Box Tops, Eileen & Kavita**

- The competition is ongoing. Collection day is October 19.

**Recycling, Joann**

- Please continue to turn in ink cartridges for Staples credit.

**Online Directory, Joann**

- Peg will give Joann data soon to update the online directory on Membership Toolkit.

**Reflections, Christine P.**

- No updates

**PDAC, Neha**

- No updates

**IPPC (Indian Prairie Parents' Council), Jen T.**

- The winter coat drive is thru 10/26, so please continue donating to help families in District 204. Last school year, we had significantly more donations. Interested in volunteering on 10/29? We will need volunteers to sort items according to sizes. See flyer and/or contact Jen Tedrow.
- BMO Harris Bank helps District 204 recognize one volunteer a month. If the volunteer is chosen, \$1,000 will be donated to the school. More information can be found on the district website.
- A+ Award recognizes the positive impact of educators. More information can be found on the district website about nominations and the required essay.
- The state has owed funds to District 204 for many years. The district is now receiving money and school funding is stable.

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- The next PTA meeting is on Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 pm.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned 10:10 am