

Peterson PTA Minutes
01/11/18

Meeting called to order at 9:19am

Allison Landstrom, Principal

- Mrs. Landstrom is asking families again to please take the 5 Essentials survey. Peterson needs 20% of families to complete the survey and right now we are at 10%.
- The link for the survey can't be put out on Facebook, so Mrs. Landstrom is asking people to spread the word that the link is in Mrs. Landstrom's Sunday newsletter.
- The survey helps rate our school, our building and staff, not the district as a whole.
- We need to have 20% participation in order to get accurate, reliable data.
- Gradeschool.org using this to rate our school. Recently, Peterson's rating changed because of an equity formula change.
- The survey doesn't take long to take and make sure you type in DuPage for the county to find Peterson.
- The District Board has approved the Elementary attendance area adjustments for next school year. These adjustments were done with minimal disruption to students and minimized changes that would affect middle and high school.
- These adjustments are meant to help Peterson maintain the current utilization of building space at Peterson.
- Letters are in the mail to families that are affected by the changes.

Sarah Siffer - Vice President

- We need to review and approve the meeting minutes from November. Asked everyone to review the minutes from the last meeting.
- Asked for a motion to be made to approve the November meeting minutes. Christine Ficks made a motion to approve the November minutes. Neha Patodia seconded the motion. The November meeting minutes were approved.

Christine Ficks, President

- We are still considering a write a check/membership drive in February.
- We would use the money raised with the write a check drive to fund the Spring PTA activities, such as Donuts with Dads, Mother/Son Event, Daddy/Daughter Dance and Muffins with Moms.
- We will make sure to explain exactly what the write a check money will be used for and ask for suggestions for fundraising for the next school year.
- We will make too sure to acknowledge anyone who donates during the write a check campaign.
- Mrs. Landstrom will work with PTA to craft a letter regarding this to let everyone know that Peterson needs them. PTA money is more flexible to move around where it is needed than other budgets.
- Our budget for the remainder of the year is tight and it is very important that committee heads stick to their budgets. If you need to spend more than you budget, please talk to the board first.

Sarah Siffer, Vice President - School Supply Kits

- The agreement for school supply kits has been signed for next year. We were able to get the 10% discount for signing early and can get another 2% discount by having our order cutoff by Friday, May 4th.
- We will be working with teachers to make sure the kits have the supplies that are needed.
- We are investigating not doing bulk kits for kindergarten as we had some problems with them last year.
- Jen Tedrow mentioned that the reason for doing bulk kits for kindergarten in the past is that it was cheaper. She also mentioned that last year the company had widespread problems with delivery of the kits and that even though the contract has been signed, we can cancel it if we find another source for school supply kits.

Sarah Siffer, Vice President - Brick Sale

- We would still like to open a brick sale this year, but we are currently in need a new company to install the bricks. We are looking for a landscaping company who can do the work.
- Val Gremillion suggested that maybe some Peterson dads or moms could change out the bricks. This is something we can consider.
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Christine Ficks, President - Budget

- Jessica couldn't be here today.
- Christine asked for everyone to review the budget.
- Christine asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Claire Evans made a motion to approve the budget. Val Gremillion seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Neha Patodia - Donuts with Dads

- Donuts with dads will be on January 25th from 8:15am until 8:50am.
- We will open the art room for additional seating and maybe the stage if possible. We will also have two stations where donuts and drinks will be served.
- People who buy tickets ahead of time will get bracelets for the kids to wear to hopefully expedite the process of the getting people in the door. We will try having 2 entrances, door 13 for people with wristbands and door 1 for people who need to by wristbands.
- We will try and have volunteers outside to direct families to the correct door to enter through. We will also put up signs to help direct families.
- Neha will ask Emily to put a save the date blurb on the Peterson Facebook page.
- Christine Ficks and Allison Landstrom also spoke about how we need to make sure our events are more inclusive, so people feel comfortable coming to them if for example, if a student does not have a mom or a dad.
- Discussed next year, changing the names of certain events. Perhaps change the Donuts with Dads and Muffins with Moms events to a VIP breakfast where students can bring any important person with them. May do two days and split up the school by grade, K-2 and 3-5.

Jen Tedrow – Savvy Business Kids

- Savvy Business kids will be on February 8th, the same night as Open House.
- Sign-up forms will be going home Friday or early next week for grades 1-5.
- Forms must be turned in on time. Space fills up fast so no late forms will be accepted.
- There will be after school meeting on February 1st where the kids will listen to a selling seminar and pitch their ideas for feedback. The kids will also pay for the lease on their table space.
- Items must be 80% kid made and all items should have a price point of \$10 or less.

Jen Tedrow – Mother/Son Event

- Jen spoke for Jason Tedrow.
- The DJ and bounce houses have been booked.
- The theme is still being finalized, but may be Star Wars.
- Christine let Jen know to make sure that the bounce houses that are to be used that night have inspection stickers on them as there is a new person in the district in charge of this and makes sure that everything has been inspected and recorded.

Leslie Shepherd - Watchdogs

- The program is good. There are a few greeter spots open for February. Will be sending out a sign-up genius.

Neha Patodia - After School Activities

- Chess and Engineering for kids are continuing.

Christine Ficks, President - Spirit Wear

- Emily couldn't be here today. Spirit Day is tomorrow.

Christine Ficks, President - Dinner Nights

- Beth Sessa & Hannah Niziolek couldn't be here today. The next dinner night is January 18th at Mod Pizza, all day.

Joann Frisby, Ink Recycling & Box Tops

- Keep turning any ink cartridges that you have.
- Box tops are due on February 16th for the next classroom vs classroom contest.

Christine Ficks, President - Online & Print Directories

- Christine asked that everyone spread the word that this year we not using Directory Spot for our online directory. We are using Membership Toolkit. They do have an app.
- The print directory is complete and should be coming home this week or next week.

Jen Tedrow - IPPC

- Nothing to report. The next meeting in January 18th.

Allison Landstrom, Principal - PDAC

- The committee is currently planning an event for February. More details to come once discussions with the staff have happened.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the Cultural Traditions evening scheduled for April.
- We are hoping to have a World Café in the spring. Katie O'Boyle is helping with this.

Christine Ficks, President - Unfinished Business

- None

Christine Ficks, President - New Business

- Mrs. Landstrom wanted to thank the PTA on behalf of the staff for a wonderful warm holiday lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am