

Peterson PTA Minutes
03/08/18

Meeting called to order at 9:20am

Allison Landstrom, Principal

- Mrs. Landstrom wanted to let everyone know that Danielle Joy's dad tried to attend last month's meeting that was canceled. He has a video about Danielle Joy that he has edited down to about 5 minutes and we are hoping to get it to post to the Peterson website.
- Mrs. Landstrom would like to thank everyone for taking the 5 Essentials survey.
- Mrs. Landstrom would like to let everyone know that it is her decision not to have classroom parties at Peterson. Mrs. Russell didn't allow classroom parties either. This is not a district policy. Other schools, like Fry do have classroom parties.
- Classroom parties are difficult to have due to allergies. Can't have food in the classroom and crafts would be hard as well due to some of the allergies that students have.
- There are currently many opportunities for parents to come to Peterson. K-2 has opportunities weekly to help in the classroom through drill sergeants. 3-5 tries to get parents in as well, however in the upper grades there aren't as many opportunities.
- Watch Dogs, volunteering in the LMC and read alouds are other great ways to get involved.
- Mrs. Landstrom is proud to have parents in the building but there needs to be a balance, so kids aren't distracted. Having parents in the classroom need to benefit both the teachers and the kids.
- Mrs. Landstrom is still waiting on information from the district about landscaping information for bricks.

Christine Ficks - 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. Val Gremillion made a motion to approve the November minutes. Sarah Siffer seconded the motion. The January meeting minutes were approved.

Christine Ficks, President

- There will be two open board member positions open next year. Christine, President and Joann, Secretary are done at the end of the year.
- If anyone is interested in either position, please talk to Jen Tedrow, who is heading up the nominating committee. Nominations will be announced at the April meeting and voting will take place at the May meeting.
- Membership for next year will be a bit different. Watch for more information to come mid-April. We will still be using Membership toolkit.
- Thank you to those who donated to the Show the Peterson PTA write a check drive. We collected around \$600.
- The 5th grade party committee has requested more money for an extra bus. Currently, 3 buses are needed for about \$687. Currently the budget is over by \$700. All 5th grades will be \$15 game card, skates for 2 hours and a t-shirt. Parents are paying \$15.00 for each child.
- If a committee needs more money for an event, please let either Christine or Jessica know before spending and please let them know the amount.

Sarah Siffer, Vice President – Room Moms

- Currently room moms are really being used except to ask for money for class gifts. We are considering having a couple of room moms per grade instead of room moms for each class. We would continue to have a 5th grade committee for the end of the year party. We will be asking the teachers to take a survey to find out if they use room moms and if so how. May survey room moms as well to see how they are being used since all teachers use room moms differently.

Sarah Siffer, Vice President - School Supply Kits

- Julie couldn't be here today. All class supply lists have been updated by the teachers. We were able to take advantage of the early signing discount of 10% and will get another 2% discount by having our order cutoff by Friday, May 4th. Order forms will be going home after Spring Break.
- Kindergarten will be sold as individual kits and not bulk kits this year. The kindergarten teachers are ok with this.

Sarah Siffer, Vice President - Brick Sale

- We will be opening up brick sales after Spring Break. We are still working on who we will use to install the bricks.
- For any orders we get, the bricks will be installed as soon as we can.

Christine Ficks, President - Budget

- Jessica couldn't be here today.
- Savvy business kids went well even though the evening was shortened. Considering changing the date of Open House for next year.
- Remember to use Amazon Smile if you are shopping on Amazon.
- Christine asked for everyone to review the budget.
- Christine asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Joann Frisby made a motion to approve the budget. Michelle Stolle seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Amie Strasma – Daddy/Daughter Dance

- Invites this year will be sent out electronically.
- There will be more information in Mrs. Landstrom's newsletter as well as on Facebook.
- The theme this year is Ties & Tiaras.

Leslie Shepherd - Watchdogs

- Almost all greeter spots for the rest of the year are filled.

Christine Ficks, President – Muffins with Moms

- The two moms who are running this event couldn't be here today. They did help at Donuts with Dads to get some ideas.
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Christine Ficks, President - 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 March 21st at McDonald's from 4 until 8. We will be selling pies again this year and will need volunteers. There will be 4 shifts, 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 6-7pm and 7-8pm. Watch for a sign-up genius to sign up.

Joann Frisby, Ink Recycling & Box Tops

- Keep turning any ink cartridges that you have.
- Mrs. Kucera's class came in 1st place in the Box tops contest. Mrs. Falck's class came in 2nd and Mr. Slick's class came in 3rd. All 3 classes have won a special surprise.

Christine Ficks, President - Online & Print Directories

- This will be the last year for the print directory. We are looking into whether we can advertise on Membership toolkit.

Jen Tedrow - IPPC

- For PARRC testing, level 3 which is approached expectations is a good score. Hoping for live test results in the future.
- The next Engage 204 is on March 20th and will focus on budget cuts.
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Allison Landstrom, Principal - PDAC

- The Cultural Traditions evening scheduled for April 25th. There will be food vendors that will have food for purchase in the MPR. Last year, students decorated dolls that were hung up at the event. This year, students will have the opportunity to decorate flags. The flags will be sent home before Spring Break. There will also be a Bollywood type dancer, Irish dancers and other dancers at the event.

Christine Ficks, President - Unfinished Business

- Amy Welsh and Val Gremillion will be heading up Teacher Appreciation week. Anyone who is interested in helping please let them know. Hoping to meet to brainstorm ideas before Spring Break.

Christine Ficks, President - New Business

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am