

# Peterson PTA Minutes

## 04/13/17

Meeting called to order at 9:35am

### **Allison Landstrom, Principal**

- The optional parent placement input letter is due on May 3rd. Please don't request any teachers. This is to describe what classroom structure works best for you children as well as what your children's characteristics are when it comes to learning.
- The teachers have been meeting about the Buddy Bench. A PowerPoint presentation has been put together and teachers have been performing skits.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes may not be using the Buddy Bench as intended. They are thinking of a different way to use it.

### **Christine Ficks, President**

- Asked everyone to review the minutes from the last meeting. No one had any changes. Made a motion to approve the minutes. Kristina Beliveau seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- Jen Tedrow is leading the nominating committee for new Board Members for next year. The following people have been nominated for the PTA Board for next year, Julie Sassano for Co-Vice President, Sara Siffer for Co-Vice President, and Jessica Elliot for Treasurer.
- Asked for any other nominations from the floor. None at this time. Nominations will remain open for 2 more week.
- Board members will be voted in at the May meeting.
- Membership for next year will be online using Membership Toolkit. One of the nice features about this is that after you sign up, you will get an email confirmation. More information will be in the registration packets going out soon.

### **Sangeeta Prasad, Vice President – Buddy Bench**

- The Buddy Bench has been ordered. We ordered it from a local company. It is made of recycled plastic and should last 50 years. It should be here in 2 to 3 weeks. Maintenance will be helping us put it together.

### **Christine Ficks, President – School Supply Kits**

- Jen Watson couldn't be here today. This year all orders will be online only. Orders are due on May 5th. The school code will be posted to our Facebook page.

### **Christine Ficks, President - Budget**

- Devin has a work emergency and couldn't be here today. Not too much has changed on the budget since spring break. Items for the LMC remodel have been ordered and will be asking for reimbursements in the next few weeks.
- All the teachers were sent reminders about using their enrichment money.
- Christine asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Motion was made to approve the budget. Joann Frisby seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

### **Van Ruggeri & Leslie Shepherd, Watchdogs**

- Seven more dads signed up for lunch/recess spots. There are still spots available.

### **Karrie Mascari & Jen Wang, After School Programs**

- To make things easier next year, we will be asking parents to only send in a note if their child is not attending on a specific day.
- The last sessions of Engineering for Kids and Chess Club are in session.

### **Amie Strasma, Daddy/Daughter Dance**

- The dance is on April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- Sign-ups are ongoing online. So far there are about 90 girls plus dads attending.
- The ticket price is \$15.00 at the door.
- Bracelets will be coming home soon.
- A sign-up genius for volunteers will be coming out soon.

### **Christine Ficks, President - Multicultural Evening**

- The event is coming up on May 3rd. Plans are moving along.
- There will be an RSVP link coming out just for counts.
- There have been lots of paper dolls coming in. We will need volunteers to help hang them up.
- There will be African Dancers, a story teller, a Taekwondo station and some other fun things.
- Feel free to dress in cultural attire.

### **Christine Ficks, President – Teacher Appreciation Week**

- The committee is working.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May.
- The committee is working on events for the week. A few things in the works are a breakfast for the teachers, 10 minute massages and painting the teacher's lounge. Mrs. Landstrom's sister-in-law is an interior designer and has offered to help with the lounge.
- Mrs. Landstrom would like to interview kids for a video showing the kids talking about what they love about the teachers. She may ask for help from some room moms.
- A note will be coming home with ideas on how families can show their appreciation to the teachers.

### **Kristina Beliveau, Plant and Play**

- Plant and Play this year is on May 9th. A flyer will be coming out next week.
- There will be popsicles again this year. The flyer will include the brand name of the popsicles so parents can look up ingredients if they want to.
- Need to find out if Devin's husband would like to help us with flowers again this year.

### **Emily Brosnahan, Spirit Wear**

- Next Friday is the next spirit day.

### **Christine Ficks, President – Dinner Nights**

- Beth Sessa & Hannah Niziolek couldn't be here. The next dinner night is on April 27<sup>th</sup>, all day at TCBY.
- May's dinner night is on May 6<sup>th</sup> at MOD Pizza, all day.
- We made almost \$500.00 from McDonalds' selling pies. The kids did a wonderful job selling. The class that had the most attendance won ice cream vouchers. Need to look into who won.

**Joann Frisby, Ink Recycling**

- Keep turning any ink cartridges that you have.

**Christine Ficks, President - Box Tops**

- Stephanie Dyniewski couldn't be here today. Keep turning in your box tops.

**Neha Patodia – Muffins with Moms**

- Muffins with Moms is on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet to after the meeting to discuss planning. Neha couldn't be here today.

**Christine Ficks, President – Print Directory**

- There are still extras and they are \$5.00.

**Christine Ficks, President - Yearbook**

- Is on schedule. Final orders are due on Monday.

**Christine Ficks, President - PDAC**

- Discussed the Multicultural night already. Will have information posted on Facebook about event.

**Colleen Keen, IPPC**

- District 204 has hired a new food vendor for next year, Organic Life. There was article about the new vendor in the paper. The food is restaurant like and will still be made at the High Schools and brought to the Middle and Elementary schools.
- Chrome books will be piloted next year in middle schools.

**Christine Ficks, President – New Business**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am