

Peterson PTA Minutes
09/14/17

Meeting called to order at 9:27am

Allison Landstrom, Principal

- Mrs. Landstrom would like to thank everyone for coming out to curriculum night. This night is for an overview of what your children will be learning. Please know that parents are always welcome to contact their children's teachers anytime during the year.
- This 2nd grade will be piloting Chrome books. This is a collaborative process to see what works and what doesn't work. Next grades 2 through 5 will be getting Chrome books.
- There is a new Director of Transportation for District 204 this year. There have been some issues with some bus routes and Mrs. Landstrom has been riding some of the buses to try and fix the issues. Mrs. Landstrom hopes that students will be able to walk to school in late spring or Fall of 2018.

Christine Ficks, President

- Christine, PTA President, introduced the board. Julie Sassano and Sarah Siffer are Co-Vice Presidents. Jessica Elliot is the Treasurer and Joann Frisby is the Secretary.
- Peterson currently has 725 students and that number grows every day. We need volunteers and donations this year.
- The Fun Run has raised \$4,000 which is not enough to cover all the events we did last year.
- After the Fun Run, we will be starting a "Write the Check Drive" to get more donations to the PTA. Depending on funds raised Donuts with Dads and Muffins with Moms may be canceled this year.
- We will try and come up with a dollar amount that the PTA spends on each student for the year. We could also offer a Sponsor a Student option for a donation.
- Last year all the events, except for Monster Mash which actually made a little money, were all over budget.
- We wanted to try something new this year with the Fun Run which is why we didn't do Boosterthon.

Julie Sassano & Sarah Siffer, Vice Presidents – Fun Run

- The PTA Board and Team IPEF will be volunteering at the Fun Run. Right now we have enough volunteers for packet pick up between 2:00-4:00pm. We could use a few more between 4:00-6:00pm. If you can volunteer please let us know. You can bring your kids but you need to keep an eye on them.
- We currently have 274 participants signed up. Registration is still open.
- We could use a few more volunteers to help set-up on Sunday morning. If you can help, please arrive at 6:30am. Volunteers will get to wear awesome crossing guard belts.
- There will be cupcakes from SmallCakes, donuts and coffee from Dunkin' Donuts and miscellaneous Kellogg food items.

Sarah Siffer – Vice President – Room Parents

- Currently we have at least one room parent for each class.
- We will be having a room parent meeting on September 22nd at 9:30am at Panera Bread.
- Teachers are currently getting parental permission for emails and will pass on lists to room parents once they get permission.

Julie Sassano – Vice President – Brick Sale

- We will be doing a brick sale in late fall for the outdoor learning area. Watch for more information to come.

Christine Ficks, President - Budget

- Jessica couldn't be here today.
- Going forward will be reviewing the Monthly Financial report as opposed to the entire budget.
- If you are a Committee Head and would like a copy of the full budget for planning purposes, just ask.
- Christine asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Jennifer Tedrow made a motion to approve the budget. Prasad Athanikar seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Christine Ficks, President – Hospitality – Welcome Back Breakfast

- This is taken care of. The breakfast is on September 20th and being catered by Pancake Café.
- We still need Committee Heads for Fall Conferences, Holiday Meal, Spring Conferences and Teacher Appreciation Week. If anyone is interested in any of the committees, please let us know.

Leslie Shepherd, Watchdogs

- The program starts next week.
- Still need volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Volunteers would need to arrive around 8:35am to 8:40am. They will greet the dad, walk them through their schedule, take a picture of the dad with their child(ren) and print it out for the Wall of Fame. Volunteers should be done by 9:10am.
- Leslie will be sending out a sign-up genius with all volunteer spots.

Angela Soderquist & Joann Frisby, Monster Mash Bash

- We are meeting today after the PTA meeting to count prizes and start planning.
- Since the event is only 2 hours this year, we won't be having a magician and may not get a DJ. We are considering hooking up a phone with a playlist to the sound system.
- We will also be changing volunteer spots from 45minutes to 20 minutes.
- We will be sending out a sign-up genius for volunteers.

Emily Brosnahan, Spirit Wear

- Had a great first Spirit Day.
- The winners for the first Spirit Day were Mrs. Yee's class (Primary) and there was tie between Mrs. Decker's class and Ms. Falck's class (Intermediate).

Christine Ficks, President – Dinner Nights

- Beth Sessa & Hannah Niziolek couldn't be here. The next dinner night will be Jet's Pizza and will be in the next week or two.

Joann Frisby, Ink Recycling & Box Tops

- Keep turning any ink cartridges that you have.
- Box tops for the fall submission are due October 20th. There will be a class vs. class competition to see who can collect the most. The top 2 classes will receive a special surprise.
- A Box Top flyer will be going home next week.

Christine Ficks, President - Reflections

- More information will be coming.
- The theme this year is "Within Reach"
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Christine Ficks, President – Online & Print Directories

- We will be using Membership Toolkit for the online directory this year. Directory Spot usually runs about \$500.00, Membership Toolkit charges \$50.00.
- Once we have all the student data, both the online and print directory will be in the works.

Neha Patodia - PDAC

- More information to come.

Neha Patodia – After School Activities

- Chess runs on Thursdays after school.
- Engineering for Kids runs on Mondays after school.

Colleen Keen, IPPC

- The annual Coat Drive is starting. Watch for a donation box in the front of the school. The last day for donations is October 27th.
- Accepting new or gently used warm winter coats. The coats must be clean with working zippers.
- Also accepting boots and hats.
- The state has finally passed a budget.

Christine Ficks, President – Unfinished Business

- None

Christine Ficks, President – New Business

- Funway has been reserved for the 5th grade party this year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am