

Peterson PTA Minutes
10/12/17

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Allison Landstrom, Principal

- Mrs. Landstrom wanted to let everyone know that the District 204 no longer uses the words lock down in situations like last week. Secure building is the terminology used. This means that when the building is secured, no one is allowed in or out of the building. Everything inside the building functions as normal.
- Hold in place can also be used. In this situation, all kids are in the classrooms with locked doors. No one is moving throughout the school. This may be used if a child is missing. Hoping to practice this in the next month or so.
- Dismissal last week went on as usual based on information from the police and due to the fact Peterson has no walkers.
- District is currently discussing if all principals should know what is going on at all schools.
- Conference sign up are online again this year but with a new system that the whole District will be using.
- Please be patient as this is a new system. If you have any questions, please ask. If you do have any issues, please note that only Mrs. Landstrom and Mrs. Martinez can assist. They will do their best to help you.
- For 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, don't sign-up for a conference with you students' math excel teacher.
- We have 2 parent academies coming up this month. The first one is on 10/18. This first academy is on Growth Mindset. There will be videos to watch and parents will get to play Kahoot.
- Growth Mindset is something that the teachers are teaching students. Intelligence is not fixed. Mistakes are critical to growth.
- The second academy is on 10/26. This academy is on assessments for Math Excel and Project Arrow.

Christine Ficks, President

- The committee head for Muffins with Moms is still open if anyone is interested.
- During November, we will be having a write a check/membership drive to get more donations to the PTA and get more people to join the PTA.
- Currently, there are 735 students at Peterson. There are 209 current PTA members, 21 of them being Faculty members.
- Elementary PTA's need bigger budgets than middle schools and high schools since middle and high schools have clubs that do their own fundraising.
- We could consider charging for an evening family assembly.

Julie Sassano, Vice President - Fun Run

- We had 350 parents and kids registered for the Fun Run.
- The Fun Run raised \$6,000 net.
- The Fun Run was a great community event and everyone who attended had a great time
- Next year, if we were to do again, need to consider the date and day of the week.

Sarah Siffer, Vice President - Room Parents

- We had a great meeting on September 22nd. Currently we have at least one room parent for each class. If anyone is interested, we could use a second room parent for Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Grahn and Mrs. Kurasz.
- Some teachers are still getting parental permission for emails and will pass on lists to room parents once they get permission. Working on streamlining this process for next year.

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.
- If you are a Committee Head, please make sure to stay on budget when planning your event.
- Christine asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Leslie Shepherd made a motion to approve the budget. Kristina Beliveau seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Christine Ficks, President - Hospitality Committee

- Val Gremillion and Amy Welsh will be heading this committee this year.
- Fall conferences are next up. Need to check with Mrs. Landstrom on a date.

Leslie Shepherd, Watchdogs

- The program is rolling along.
- There are only 9 Volunteer Greeters spots open.

Angela Soderquist & Joann Frisby, Monster Mash Bash

- We are still in need of volunteers. Please consider signing up.
- We are also in need of donated baked goods for the Cake Walk.

Emily Brosnahan, Spirit Wear

- Emily couldn't be here tonight. Spirit Day is tomorrow.
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Christine Ficks, President - Dinner Nights

- Beth Sessa & Hannah Niziolek couldn't be here tonight. They are working on the details for the next dinner night.

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.

Christine Ficks, President - Reflections

- Entries are due on October 20th

Christine Ficks, President - Online & Print Directories

- We are waiting on the data. 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.
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Christine Ficks, President - IPPC

- Colleen Keen couldn't be here tonight. The coat drive is still ongoing with the last date for donations being October 27th.
- Accepting new or gently used warm winter coats. The coats must be clean with working zippers.

Christine Ficks, President - PDAC

- Neha Patodia couldn't be here tonight. There is a meeting on October 30th at 8:15am in room 107.

Christine Ficks, President - Unfinished Business

- None

Christine Ficks, President - New Business

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm