

Peterson PTA Minutes

02/09/17

Meeting called to order at 9:32am

Allison Landstrom, Principal

- Mrs. Landstrom needs our help to get more responses to the parent survey. So far only 37 responses. Ideas to get more responses are to put the survey on Facebook and put a deadline on responses.
- PARCC testing dates are being finalized. Most likely testing will start on March 13th and go until the end of April. Hopefully dates will be final this week.

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. Minutes were approved.
- There is a box in the front foyer for the Shoe Box Program. Collecting wearable shoes. The program ends on March 6th.
- We have received approval from the District for the Buddy Bench. May Watts currently has a Buddy Bench and there are a lot of pictures of benches on line for creative ideas on how to decorate it.
- Would like to have the bench in place by May 1st.
- Looking to put together a committee of people who would like to help decorate the bench. Maybe have a grade level or a middle or high schooler who went to Peterson help decorate the bench.

Sangeeta Prasad, Vice President

- The key chains for Golden Paw members are in and will be going home with students this week.

Devin Tuch, Treasurer

- Two income items have been updated on the budget. Donuts with Dads and Box Tops. The latest box top check was \$662.00
- Mrs. Landstrom let us know that teachers are looking at some of the programs that the PTA supports such as Education City to see how beneficial they are and to make sure the money is used the best way it can be.
- Devin asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Marnee Friedman made a motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

Van Ruggeri & Leslie Shepherd, Watchdogs

- Everything is going great. Current schedule works with PARCC testing dates.

Karrie Mascari & Jen Wang, After School Programs

- Next session of Engineering for kids starts on February 27th.

Jen Tedrow, Mother/Son Dance

- The dance is on February 24th. Plans are moving along. Flyers will be going home this week.
- Volunteers will be needed for activities
- Ingredients will be sent to Mrs. Landstrom tomorrow.

Kristina Beliveau, Science Fair

- Sign-up information has been sent home.
- Last day to sign-up is Monday, February 20th.
- Science Fair is on March 6th.

Christine Ficks, President

- In the process of setting up a meeting with Mrs. Landstrom to discuss ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Looking for a few more people to join the committee. The two committee heads are newer to the PTA and would appreciate any help.
- Some ideas are to redo the teacher's lounge, possible 10 to 15-minute massage or even a food truck.

Emily Brosnahan, Spirit Wear

- Tomorrow is the next spirit day. Would like to have teachers remind students. Mrs. Landstrom will make a reminder announcement today to the school.

Christine Ficks, President

- Beth Sessa & Hannah Niziolek couldn't be here. The next dinner night is on February 20th at Small Cakes.

Joann Frisby, Ink Recycling

- Keep turning any ink cartridges that you have.

Stephanie Dyniewski, Box Tops

- Deadline for box tops is February 17th.

Christine Ficks, President

- Amie Strasma is doing the dance again this year, but couldn't be here today
- Initial planning is underway.
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Chanda Ladaga, On-Line Directory

- Directory is live and updated.

Christine Ficks, President

- Hiral Patel couldn't be here today. The paper directory has been finalized and is going to print this week.
- Directories will be sent home with students when they are complete.

Christine Ficks, President

- Crystal Davis has been taking great pictures at all our events this year for the yearbook.

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- Neha Patodia couldn't be here. Planning for the Multi-Cultural evening is underway.
- Next committee meeting is next week.
- Room moms will be need to help cut out paper dolls. Every student is going to get a paper doll to decorate showing where they come from. The dolls will be sent home before Spring Break. The paper dolls will be hung up at the Multi-Cultural evening.
- Ms. Ammons did paper dolls at her last school and will share some pictures for inspiration.

Colleen Keen, IPPC

- The Summer Activities Fair is on March 16th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at Still Middle School.
- School Board elections are on April 4th.

Christine Ficks, President

- Asked if anyone had any unfinished or new business. No one did.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07am