

# Peterson PTA Minutes

## 01/12/17

Meeting called to order at 9:35am

### Allison Landstrom, Principal

- Thank you to the PTA for Lunch for our staff! We really enjoyed it before break.
- Attendance is an area that is tracked by the state as well as our district. The state guideline is that student should miss less than 5%, which is approximately 9 for the entire year. Letters were sent home so that parents are aware.
- Mrs. Landstrom shared some of the results from the 5Essentials survey that was taken by parents last year. According the parent survey, which was taken by 20% of the school, 49% out of the 20% felt their voice was valued at Peterson.
- 49% feel that teachers don't communicate enough personally.
- When it comes to communication, one of the main differences especially for kindergarten parents is that they are used to a ton of communication from their children's teachers in preschool and it changes in kindergarten.
- Communication can be limited when it comes to face time with teachers as there are only two 15 minutes conferences a year.
- A lot of the teachers communicate with parents differently and some share more information than others. Consistently across the grade levels would streamline communication.
- Some parents would like to spend more time in their children's classroom helping.
- Drill sergeants are something that some of the teachers use that give parents a chance to help in their children's classrooms.
- Mrs. Schimmoler is Peterson's communication liaison and one her roles is to maintain and update the website.
- Peterson's website get the most hits in the district.
- Considering having a parent's night all about google in March or April.

### Susan Rasmus, IPEF

- Susan Rasmus presented Mrs. Landstrom with a check to Peterson Elementary for \$3,374.41.
- Becky Graske was also awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,443 for Math Games for Brain Gain at Home and School.
- 2016 was a great year for Team IPEF, 255 runners participated in the 2016 Healthy Driven Naperville Marathon & Half Marathon, representing the Foundation and all the schools across District 204. There were also 389 Kids Marathon participants, 22 sponsors, 1,144 individual donors and 64 auction winners all helped raise more than \$171,000. This amount marked the largest fundraising campaign in the Foundation's 28-year history and topped the amount raised in the previous two years combined. Team IPEF has collectively raised more than \$300,000 in three years.

### **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.
- Discussed doing the Shoe Box Program. This is a program to collect only shoes and boots for people in need. Peterson will receive \$.10 for each pair of shoes/boots collected.
- We are still looking in to getting a Buddy Bench. Looking for someone who is creative that could paint a bench. Need to discuss placement of bench with District. The teachers would need about a month to explain this concept to the kids. Would like to start this in May.
- Sangeeta couldn't be here today, but we do have a Boosterthon update.
- 75% of students are registered (501 students), 64% have pledged (426 students)
- As of Monday, we have made \$16,841, most likely over \$17,000 net now
- Thanks to everyone who volunteered and came out to cheer on the kids.
- The Boosterthon team was great and the kids had fun.
- Donations are still being accepted.
- Some parents felt there wasn't enough lead time for the kids to participate in the incentives. The process wasn't perfect, but went well overall.
- We have no updated budget to review. Will have one for the next meeting.

### **Sangeeta Prasad, Vice President**

- We raised \$18,000 from Boosterthon. This amount includes the run and t-shirts.
- Mrs. Schimmoler has some great ideas for the LMC, such as a Lego wall.
- Will share total amount raised with the rest of Peterson.

### **Devin Tuch, Treasurer**

- Couldn't print out budget but not much has happened with Winter Break.

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

- Everything is going great. There are some lunch spots still available. Will send out a link. T-shirts cost \$10.00.

### **Denise Mascari, Family Night at the Chicago Wolves**

- Family Night at the Chicago Wolves in on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The response has been great.

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

- Current sessions are running for chess and engineering for kids.

### **Jen Tedrow, Mother/Son Dance**

- The dance is on February 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Super Heroes. Volunteers will be needed.

### **Kristina Beliveau, Science Fair**

- Information will be coming out this month.

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

- Tomorrow is the next spirit day. Mrs. Munn's class took some pictures of the panther enjoying their classroom.

**Christine Ficks, President**

- Beth Sessa & Hannah Niziolek couldn't be here. Not sure when the next dinner night will be. May skip January.

**Joann Frisby, Ink Recycling**

- Keep turning any ink cartridges that you have.

**Stephanie Dyniewski, Box Tops**

- Deadline for box tops is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Jen Tedrow & Colleen Keen, Savvy Business Kids**

- Savvy Business Kids is on February 1<sup>st</sup> during Open House.
- Flyers will be going out today or tomorrow.
- Sign-up forms are due on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- After school session to present products is on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Chanda Ladaga, On-Line Directory**

- Directory is live and updated.

**Christine Ficks, President**

- Neha Patodia couldn't be here. She is still working on getting a committee together for PDAC.

**Colleen Keen, IPPC**

- There was no December meeting.

**Christine Ficks, President**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am