

PEARSON GENERAL PTO MINUTES FOR MEETING DATED MARCH 19, 2018

Principal: Kim Dancer

Board Members: Erica Wilde, Erica Bledsoe, Matthew Brady, Jaime Shockley, and Jennie Juda

General Membership: Kristi Knoll

Absent: Kristin Vaughn, Moriah Townsend, and Denese Wollitz

Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

I. Principal's Report

M-Step testing window for 3rd-5th grades is coming up. Tentative testing dates are:

5th grade will take Science, Social Studies, Math, and ELA beginning on April 10th over two weeks

4th grade will take Math/ELA on May 8th and May 11th

3rd grade will take Math/ELA the week of May 1st

Dates will be finalized by March 20th.

March is Reading Month is underway. Feedback has been positive. Parents wished for more guest reader opportunities in the classroom. Mrs. Dancer explained that this was teacher specific. Dr. Pearson was a guest reader.

Books at Biggby was well-attended. The reading area at the front of the store was a little cramped, but it worked just fine. The conference room was not utilized, so we should follow-up with them next year and find out why. Staff was enthusiastic about participating. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

II. Treasurer's Report

Currently, there was \$15,073.83 in the bank, though \$6,722.23 check needs to be written to Scholastic and the 4th/5th graders will receive \$1,712.06, which will bring our available balance down to \$6,639.54.

We received a 5th grade camp check from Brummer in the amount of \$23.

We have \$95 in rewards from families participating in Kroger Rewards

We will get \$84 back from books that we sold.

III. Committee Reports

A. Cheers

Nothing was presented on this topic.

B. Fundraising

PTO will do a yearly McTeacher Night. Consider making the event two nights (K-2 and 3-5) to help ease congestion. Also, make the guest teacher list available so families can plan their attendance.

Dairy Queen night is March 26th.

“Wear a Hat” day will be on April 27th. Families will be encouraged to donate money to participate with a suggested donation of \$1.

The following fundraising options will be re-sent via Skylert and Seesaw: Kroger, Busch’s, and Amazon Smile to remind parents to sign-up.

IV. Old Business

Hungry Howie stickers are in and will be distributed to teachers.

Parade of Pioneers was a huge success. Teachers showed up and there was a great turnout. 22 students participated. Each student received a certificate.

This will be a yearly event and consider doing a Science Fair – maybe only for 4th and 5th graders. PTO will discuss this further over the summer. Jaime Shockley agreed to head both events up.

V. New Business

Bylaw amendments were tabled as there was only one parent present.

Budgets were approved for the following activities:

5th grade breakfast - \$500. We will see if Leo’s Coney Island will give us a deal on breakfast. Jennie Juda will look into the pancake guy’s deposit to see if that could be a fun option for the kids. Consider 5th grade families donating items – possibly 4th grade parents too?

Staff Appreciation - \$750. Staff Appreciation week is 5/7/18-5/11/18 and will be a baseball theme. The teacher lounge and office will be decorated with baseball themed items. Staff will be encouraged to wear their favorite jerseys and students can participate with their baseball jerseys. PTO is planning a favorite drink day, breakfast, tailgate lunch, etc. PTO is giving each teacher \$100 in Scholastic monies to use in their classrooms.

Pearson Palooza - \$750 to use in buying tickets, wristbands, laundry baskets for class baskets, and game prizes.

We are planning to charge \$10/student or \$20/family. This money will be used to cover games and inflatables – both will be free to participate.

We will have a pre-sale for dinner (pizza) and options are being explored with Pro Pizza, Hungry Howie's, and Little Caesar's for the best price.

We will also pre-sell raffle tickets (will be used for silent auction items and taping Mrs. Dancer to the wall). Tickets will be \$1 each or \$20 for 25 tickets.

We have two inflatables being sponsored but should have three, maybe 4, there for students to use. We do not want too many lines at activities.

Basia Kiehler is donating carnival games from Hawkins Elementary

We will have class baskets available to bid on:

- Kindergarten – beach/summer theme
- 1st grade – games
- 2nd grade – movies
- 3rd grade – BBQ/camping
- 4th grade – UM/MSU
- 5th grade – gift cards

We will use Square readers for on-site payment options using Mrs. Dancer's phone for same. PTO will look into one or two other phones to ease congestion.

Winners do not need to be present to win their raffle item. Winning tickets will be posted on Facebook and winners can claim them in the office.

VI. Comments

The playground needs more stuff for girls to play with like hula hoops and jump ropes. Jennie Juda and Jaime Shockley agreed to go to the dollar store in the next day or two to supply recess with these items.

Mrs. Dancer indicated that PTO could use some money from Jump Rope for Heart Health to pay for additional recess equipment.

There is chalk for students to use – weather is not cooperating

Mrs. Dancer will look into painting additional four square spaces. Hopscotch was also suggested.

Mrs. Dancer will also look into soccer goals/nets from the district to use. Limit this area to upper elementary students as the field is so close to Spaulding Rd.

Meeting was concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Bledsoe