

PEARSON GENERAL PTO MINUTES FOR MEETING DATED APRIL 16, 2018

Principal: Kim Dancer

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

General Membership: Bryan Bledsoe, Brandy Waill, Becky Rapp, Tracy Williams, Basia Kichler, and Carrie Kundinger

Staff members: Stephanie Rohrbach and Brittany Pearson

Absent: Kristin Vaughn, and Denese Wollitz

Meeting began at 7:08 p.m.

I. Special Staff Presentation

Brittany Pearson (general education social worker) and Stephanie Rohrbach (special education social worker/resource room) requested a line item in the PTO budget for sensory closet items as items break, lose their luster, etc. They presented a binder with research including pictures of items in Salem's sensory closet (Salem Elementary has the most comprehensive closet in the district). There were also pictures of Pearson's closet before and after the Donor's Choose fundraising project (raised \$1,500 and another \$200 was donated from a private company).

Ms. Pearson and Ms. Rohrbach requested \$700/year allocated in the budget (Salem has \$1,000 budgeted yearly). Brittany works with 30 students and Stephanie with 21 students, but their impact is felt throughout the entire student body at Pearson

PTO asked questions and ultimately agreed to put a line item in the budget every year for sensory items. A total amount was unclear at this time.

II. Principal's Report

M-Step testing is upon us.

5th grade will ELA on 4/17 and Social Studies on 4/18

4th grade will take Math on 5/8 and ELA on 5/10

3rd grade will take Math on 5/1 and ELA on 5/3

Report cards will be going home on 4/19

5th grade track meet is scheduled for 5/21/18 at SL East High School. Rain date is 5/22

Field day is scheduled for 6/8 with a rain date of 6/11. Schedule will be posted soon.

The district is going to allow for online registration at the elementary level next year. Parents will need to register their children every year. This platform will allow the school

and PTO to put information on there for parents such as spirit wear, yearbook order forms, etc.

III. Treasurer's Report

Currently, there is \$9,337 in the bank, but \$1,800 of that money is earmarked for 4th/5th graders for camp fundraising, and there are other monies set aside for 5th grade shirts, Palooza, Staff appreciation, etc. The total available money in the bank not spoken for is \$3,791.

There will be another \$600 check from Box Tops coming before June.

There are also still Hungry Howie's and Dairy Queen fundraisers left this year.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cheers

There will be a buy one, get one of equal or lesser value free book fair coming in June. The date will be June 8th to coincide with Field Day. There will also be a sip and shop as before.

B. Fundraising

There will be another pizza kit fundraiser at the end of April. As before, only the funds raised by 4th graders will be applied to 5th grade camp fundraising.

C. Palooza Information

A Facebook event has been created to save the date.

The committee is already soliciting donations from local businesses such as North72, Venue, Grand Trunk Home, etc.

Each grade will be responsible for donations for a classroom basket. Look for a sign-up genius to be emailed from your child's room parent.

There will be a kickball game during the event. Participants will be staff vs. winning team from the intermural kickball league. Game will be about 20 minutes.

The next Palooza planning meeting is on May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

A raffle pre-sale order form will be going home on May 1st.

V. Old Business

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

VI. New Business

The bylaws need to be amended to allow for terms/nominations so that the whole board is not up at once. The new proposed amendment was:

President/Secretary/CHEERS Coordinator and one trustee up for election in odd years.

Vice-President/Treasurer/Fundraising Chair and one trustee up for election in even years.

This amendment passed unanimously

We will need a Vice President, Treasurer and new trustee. Nomination forms will be sent out via Skylert email and available in the office. Nomination forms are due on May 14th. Elections will be on May 21st.

Staff Appreciation is the first full week of May (May 7th through 11th). The theme is baseball. Teachers will receive \$100 in Scholastic dollars as their gift.

5th grade camp t-shirt invoice was presented for payment. The invoice totaled \$1,030. This was unanimously passed for payment.

Mrs. Mullins asked for \$4,200 of the Scholastic funds to purchase new books for the library. We have \$10,478 in the account right now. Even after March is Reading Month books are purchased and the teachers receive their Scholastic funds, there is plenty of money left for use. Mrs. Mullins' request was unanimously approved.

Additional playground equipment/items were discussed to give children options during recess.

PTO members generously donated hula hoops and jump ropes for the children to use, but they were not playground quality, so they did not last long. The kids enjoyed the new equipment though. Scholastic funds were not available for playground equipment.

Jennie Juda was asked to bring a proposal to the next meeting for additional items.

Gaga ball pits were discussed as another option. Bartlett has two now and they were constructed by a fellow parent and local Boy Scout troop. Erica Bledsoe agreed to get dimensions for the pits and Basia will get cost numbers for the pits built in Brighton.

Meeting was concluded at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Bledsoe