

PEARSON PTO MINUTES FOR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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

General membership: Michele Jones, Melissa Bracali, Krista McCarver, Satish Chandra, Basia Kichler, Brandy Ward, Jen Parsons, Stacey Mahe, Amy Sepanski, Karin Dixon, Jennifer Wells, Kellie Lach, Sunday Forshaw, Carrie Kunding, Jeni Hubenschmidt, Melissa Capler, Mike Magri, and Shaun Schwartz.

Absent: Denese Wollitz

I. Principal's Report

Mrs. Dancer wanted to thank parents for all their support during this first week of school. She also thanked the Scheel and Singer families for providing popsicles and a cart (respectively) during the Popsicles for Pioneers event. She also thanked Detroit Popcorn Company for donating a popcorn machine for use during our popcorn days. Lastly, she thanked Crescent Orthodontics for the kindergarten t-shirts.

Mrs. Dancer reiterated the end of the day procedures. If students are picked up, parents will enter in through the recess doors off the playground. Walkers go out the west doors. Students taking the bus go out the blue wing with their teachers.

Thursdays will be pavetheway Thursdays. Staff members are encouraged to wear a positive or motivational shirt each Thursday.

Pearson's first curriculum night is on September 12th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The first half hour will be teacher led, and students will be supervised on the playground. At 7:00, students will be allowed back to their classrooms for an Open House.

Pearson teachers are using SeeSaw this year (an online digital portfolio). More information will be available at Curriculum Night.

II. Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$3,808 in the PTO account. Kent Lake and Dolsen PTOs each gave \$1,000 to help Pearson's PTO start. Also, we sold 181 tickets during our VIP raffle, which raised \$1,810.

III. Committee Reports

A. Cheers

There is a CHEERS volunteer breakfast scheduled for 9/13/17 at 9:00 a.m. in the lunchroom. Please stop by to learn how you can volunteer your time at Pearson. Some events include Trunk or Treat. Email Moriah at samueldt2011@gmail.com for more information.

B. Fundraising

We have lots of exciting ideas for fundraising this year. PTO is offering corporate sponsor shirts. Local families or businesses can donate money for their logo to be placed on the shirt. Students would wear the shirts every Thursday. Orders are due by September 27th.

Popcorn will be pre-paid this year. The cost is \$6/student. If your child has allergies, please contact the office for an ingredient list.

PTO is also doing an Opt-Out of fundraising this year. More information will come home on 9/12/17. You can donate via check or Paypal. Please note that if you donate, you do not need to worry about any other fundraisers this year (though you are still welcome to participate in any fundraiser you choose).

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Erica Wilde asked for approval of \$350 for backpack tags for those students who walk home. Quick Silver will be making the cards out of a thick plastic. They will be hole punched and a rubber lanyard will be attached.

Parent Mike Magri suggested buying more upfront to lessen the cost.

Parent Basia Kichler noted that Brighton schools use something similar, but the material is a thicker paper (almost like a running bib). She agreed to obtain more information and relay same to PTO.

The \$350 did pass.

Erica also asked for approval of \$92 for popcorn bins to be used during popcorn distribution. This was also approved.

VI. Comments

Parents suggested a brick donation program as a fundraising option. Jaime Shockley agreed to contact Casey Branch at the Salem-South Lyon District Library to obtain more information about vendors, cost, etc. (library went through a similar program)

Kim Dancer shared that Mrs. Coles (the music teacher) wrote Pearson's school song. Mrs. Coles will pick a class to sing the son at the dedication (10/8/17).

Meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Bledsoe