

RS Payne Elementary School PTO Agenda

December 7, 2017

10:30 am

Attendance:

Sheri Quinones-President, **Trish Pabis**-Treasurer, **Sarah Muminovic**-Secretary, **Dianne Stratton**-Teacher Rep, **Danielle Englund**-Spirit Events, **Alys Miller**-Hospitality, **Eliana Lobb**, **Lori Smith**-Teacher Rep, **Anne Chamberlin**-Lead Instructional Coach, **Tracey Proffitt**-STREAM Coach and Lead Math Remediation Specialist, **Kellie Baldwin**- Principal

Welcome and Introductions

Sheri Quinones presented Thank You cards from the school staff for meals provided.

Approval of November PTO minutes

Trish Pabis motions. **Danielle Englund** seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carries. As a FYI, this school year, meeting minutes will be sent out via Infinite Campus by **Ms. Davis**, and will also be posted on the school's website.

Vice President Nomination and Board Vote

Sheri Quinones presented **Danielle Englund** to the board to serve in the role of Vice President for the remaining 2017-2018 school year and to be PTO Board President for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sarah Muminovic motioned for the vote. **Trish Pabis** seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Principal/Staff Report

Two teacher proposals for PTO funding of initiatives

1. 5th grade Teacher **Elicia Fleshman** submitted a proposal for a funding request for culturally relevant reading materials for her English Language Arts instruction and novel study. Discussion regarding several points of the proposal occurred. **Diane Stratton** would like more information around whether this is a long term or short term proposal. Will these books be utilized ongoing? **Mrs. Stratton's** concerns are that there are already in house materials that are being unused or under utilized. Danielle Englund inquired about whether the PTO typically purchases instructional materials of this nature. **Sheri Quinones** and **Trish Pabis** shared that there is a rotating unit fund that circulates annually through the grades to purchase novel study materials. It was discussed as to whether this is perhaps the funding source for this particular proposal. **Lori Smith** would like more information on specific titles that **Ms.**

Fleshman is referencing to insure that those titles are not already in house. Proposal attached. Vote tabled for more information to clarify discussion.

2. STREAM Coach and Lead Math Remediation Specialist
Tracy Proffitt and Lead Instructional Coach **Anne Chamberlin** prepared and presented a proposal regarding a math learning tool called the Reknrek. These tools are visual aides to assist in mental math. Research done shows that they help build fluency and flexibility in numbers. They propose that the PTO purchase the supplies necessary to build enough Reknreks to use as an instructional tool for all students in grades PreK-2 as well as instructor Reknreks. Discussion regarding whether increasing funding to purchases premade tools would be a more prudent use of resources rather than having these Coaches spend the time on building them. Proposal attached. Vote tabled for an online vote upon request from **Ms. Proffitt** and **Ms. Chamberlin** to conduct further research into the cost effectiveness of the purchase the premade versions versus the building of tools.

*Copies of funding proposals submitted to RS Payne PTO are on file with the Treasurer and can be provided for review upon request.

Committee Reports

Treasurer-Trish Pabis

November's bank statement is reconciled and balanced. All statements are available upon request.

Fundraising

Restaurant night - 12/12/17 Mi Patron and Mister Goodies 5-9pm. Flyers sent home in backpacks and an event created on FaceBook to spread via social media.

Discussion around the FaceBook page being a closed group. The concern was raised by **Sarah Muminovic** that the closed group status prevents the sharing of events created by our Board, such as Restaurant Nights. The social media marketing tool is free and very effective in communicating information of this nature. The intention of the page being a closed to group is to prevent any negative dialogue or posting of material irrelevant to the PTO's mission. **Danielle Englund** suggested making a Fan Page that people only follow. **Sarah Muminovic** suggested choosing in the administrator functions to disallow posts to the page without an admin's approval. There were questions around whether this would be in line with the division's social media/internet policy. **Danielle Englund** she would look into whether it would be cleared by the division.

Carnival Volunteer meeting - 12/13/17 6:30pm. Purpose of this meeting is to determine whether there are enough engaged volunteers to run carnival.

School Store - Tabled.

Candy Cane Clubhouse

Students can shop until 11am on Friday, 12/8/17. Adults can shop from 11am-12pm On 12/8/2017. CCCH expected to meet/exceed budget. \$804 income sale-to-date. Expenses still to be paid.

Old Business

Metal Recycling-Principal Baldwin reported that the division will take over this project over the winter months.