

December 16, 2016 PTO Board Meeting Minutes
Franklin Elementary LMC

Present: Berta Strigel, Megan Spicer, Amy Coad, Lindsay Feitlinger, Erin McMillan, Lisa Geraghty, Chris Rich, Colleen Johnson, Sara Campbell, Adam Hirsch, Ellen Boyle

Administration present: Sylla Zarov, John Wallace

- I. Call to order by Colleen Johnson 7:40 pm.
- II. November meeting minutes approval
 - A. Motion to approve made by Lisa Geraghty, seconded by Lindsay Feitlinger.
Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's report-Chris Rich
 - A. Balance, profit, and loss hand out
 - a. Fall fundraiser was \$26,000.00.
 - b. We did receive a check for the upper parking lot football parking from the district.
 - c. Could we make the language in the reimbursement form on line more clear in terms of timeline and process of reimbursement?
- IV. Update from West side PTO coalition meeting-Adam Hirsch
 - A. Anna Mueller Moffitt was there and discussed the process of running for school board.
 - a. Time commitment 12-20 hours per week for a reimbursement of \$8000.00/year
 - b. Terms are 2 years long and meetings are in the evenings.
 - c. All school meetings are on line and are open record. No private discussions are allowed.
 - d. Personalized pathways were discussed.
- V. Fundraising update-Lindsay Feitlinger
 - A. Should we plan a spring adult fundraising event for 2017?
 - a. If so, we need a chair and fundraising committee.
 - b. We would also need a clear statement of need, ie a targeted fundraiser.
 - c. Lisa will set up a doodle poll for the executive budget committee meeting and we will discuss principal priorities for PTO resources so we can have an idea if there is a need this year or if we should shoot for next year with a targeted fundraiser.
 - B. The biggest day for Paypal donations for the fall fundraiser was the day the principal video was aired.
 - a. Thank you's were very prompt and Sarah Wagner did a fabulous job heading up this effort.
 - b. Rolling out the fall fundraiser early, ie October, was key.
 - C. We also received a \$1,000 gift that was matched by the donor's employer which was possible because we have 501(c)(3) status. We will advertise our 501c3 status more heavily next year.
- VI. Spring membership meeting updates-Berta Strigel and Megan Spicer
 - A. Handout on recommended model for 2017 membership meetings, focusing on a smaller number of meetings and making them more of an event.

- a. We will pilot this idea this spring with the potential for quarterly meetings being standardized.
- b. Could we combine the PEG meetings, health and wellness meetings, and equity and inclusion committee meetings to create one quarterly “supermeeting” to enhance our feelings of community?
 - i. Ellen voiced potential barriers to combining the meetings such as language, interpreter need, and space.
 - ii. John voiced concern that combining the meetings would not have the desired effect of creating a feeling of community.
 - iii. It was decided to begin with inviting the community as a whole to the end of the year PEG picnic and not combining the meetings at this time.
- c. The April topic could be Heather Duncan leading Creativity Across the Curriculum workshops.
- d. Are there other ideas for potential quarterly meeting topics and format? Please submit them if so. Could the first quarterly meeting be an open town hall where ideas for meeting topics could be gathered?
- e. The board will continue to meet monthly.

VII. PEG meeting updates-Ellen Boyle

- A. They presented on Zones of Regulation at the last PEG meeting.
- B. The election results are weighing heavily on our Latino families as they face fears of deportation of friends or family members.
- C. The next meeting is this Thursday, Las Posadas celebration, for the Latino peg. They are thankful for the support of the PTO.

VIII. Equity and inclusion committee update

- A. Erin is going to meet with the committee this Thursday and bring back any information and suggestions on supporting our PEGS to the next board meeting.

IV. The playground update is deferred due to time. Meeting adjourned due to time: motion made by Erin McMillan and passed by Adam Hirsch.

Prepared by Sara Campbell, PTO secretary