



## **PTA MINUTES**

**September 11, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Elementary Cafeteria**

In attendance: Mallory Bell, Holly Winnie, Jessica Morrison, Tracy Semeiks, Heidi Parker, Tricia Surrano, Jess Geurtze, Catlin Salisbury, Christine Olmsted, Marcie Peters, Victoria Anatriello, Amy Albano, Jessica Ambrosio, Samantha White, Jamie Pecylak, Leeann Nopper, Carrie Rath, Jaime Winan-Solis, Dawn DeBenedetti, Kristen DeMaio, Peter Mahan, Sarah Clermont, Kobie Jackson, Ashley Madl-Geurtze, Susan Downey-Graudes, Laura Rufa

### **1. Welcome!!**

1.1. Mallory Motioned, Tracy Seconded

1.1.1. Introductions

1.1.1.1. President: Mallory Bell

1.1.1.2. Vice President: Tracy Semeiks

1.1.1.3. Recording Secretary: Holly Winnie

1.1.1.4. Treasurer: Jessica Morrison

### **2. Review and Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes**

\_\_\_ Mallory Approved; Holly seconded

### **3. Officer/Chairperson Reports**

#### **A. President - Past Events**

1. Late Night at Ellis (5th Grade)
  - a. 5 pizzas ordered 3 eaten
  - b. need volunteers for next year
  - c. strict no electronics for next year
2. Kindergarten Playdate  
17 families last year  
43 families this year

#### **B. Review/Approval of 2019-20 PTA calendar**

Tracy approved, Mallory Seconded

#### **C. President - Upcoming events**

1. Back to School Carnival (Family Fun Night)
  - a. New DJ this year, with discount saving \$245
  - b. Ice Cream Bar
  - c. Sell Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy and Drinks
  - d. Face Painting
  - e. Balloons

- f. 8-10 Volunteers needed
  - i. contact electronically
  - ii. reached out to staff and faculty to help
  - iii.
- 2. Trunk or Treat
  - “Go BIG or go HOME” theme
  - need more candy!!
- 3. Blanket Sale/Apparel Sale
  - tabled until Alexis is here to discuss
- 4. Fall Fundraiser Ideas
  - \$13,000 in product
  - \$6K Profit
- 5. Spring/Easter- Krauses ? or Another Fundraiser?
  - explore or stay with?
  - February flyers
- 6. Enrichment
  - assemblies, speakers, etc.
  - wildlife coming in spring
  - Peter helped to Schedule

**\*\*Go Over Calendar**

**D. Treasurer’s Report**

- 1. Outstanding Debts: None
- 2. Outstanding Deposits: Membership
- 3. Checking Account Balance:\$10,840.30
- 4. Savings Account Balance:\$10,003.35
- 5. Approve Balance(s):  
Mallory approved; Tracy Seconds

**E. Principal’s Report**

- 1. Mr. Peter Mahan
  - a. Playground meetings
    - i. What we wanted and did not want
    - ii. Met with vendors
    - iii. \$125,000 approved by the district, PTA donated
    - iv. Held up by schematics of playground people
    - v. really important for us to have the students chose the final designs

**4. Committee Reports -**

**A. BLT (Building Level Team)**

- a. Spent two days over the summer going over all the data to plan on making a difference in the school, demographics etc.
  - i. cont to increase success with mathematics
  - ii. fact fluency
  - iii. do average bears need more
- b. writers workshop- adding units
  - i. persuasive, informative, entertaining
- c. more time reading text
  - i. guided reading, teacher reading aloud, and self-reading
- d. culture of the school
  - i. do we play enough with the school?
  - ii. importance of building relationships with students
  - iii. teaching students how to join or refuse to join an activity (social situations)
- e. filling a position: recruiting a new point 4-PE teacher

**B. GATE (Gifted and Talented Education)**

- a. GATE has not met this year

**C. Advocacy**

**5. New Grant Requests/Updates**

1. New Grant Request Form
  - 1.1. More Clear, Detailed
  - 1.2. Available on District Site
2. New Reimbursement Form
  - 2.1. For any out of pocket costs
  - 2.2. Must be double approved by board members
  - 2.3. Do not want any oversight issues, new form should help

**6. Past Events**

1. Staff Welcome Back treats
  - a. snacks in the break room on the first week back to school
  - b. kit kats and popcorn with cute signs
  - c. Megan will be doing a lot of the planning
  - d. more staff appreciation events and items
2. Stocked PTA Snack Cabinet (Thank you Jess!!)
  - a. purchased individual snacks as opposed to one large serving so students can take a single item back to class

**7. New Business/Questions**

1. Membership Forms
  - a. slowly rolling in, new decision
  - b. lots of good feedback
2. New Officer Needed: Corresponding Secretary
3. Gate Member?
  - a. Holly Winnie will become a new Elem Parent
4. PTA Lunch Funding
  - a. Still over \$200 left from last year
  - b. will replenish \$500 when that runs out!
5. Follow on Facebook and Instagram
  - a. most up to date info
  - b. signups for things
  - c. volunteer opportunities

**8. Adjournment**

- 8.1. Mallory motioned to end, Tracy seconded
  - 8.1.1. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - Elementary Cafeteria

**THANK YOU**  
*for joining us!*