

Polaris PTO
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017

In Attendance: Anne Sterrett, Principal; Stephenie Falcone, Secretary; Megan Webber, Treasurer; Colin Lamb, Vice Chair; Melanie Chenard, Website Calendar; Kara Chitwood, Volunteer Coordinator; Vanessa Pierce, Fundraising Chair; Cedra Goldman, RTV Chair; Kris Heilbron, teacher; Meg Freidman, Communications

1. Call to order
2. Motion to adopt meeting minutes from Dec and Jan – Approved!
3. Board Reports:
 - a. Chair's Report – no report
 - b. Vice Chair's Report – Colin
 - i. Summary of Mike Johnson segment – Marissa brought up data on SPF, did a great job pointing out the unfairness of our assessment
 - ii. Great concern that teachers and parents will leave with a lowered rating that lowers teachers' pay
 - c. Treasurer's Report – Megan
 - i. Totally on track, this is the time where we need money coming in
 - ii. STEAM – point towards Kristen Alix for money requests
 1. Will we come in on budget? Not sure.
 2. WeDO kits, are they being utilized?
 - iii. Green committee – no income coming in anymore
 1. We used to pay for composting bags - \$3-500/yr. Can we go half and half with the school or take on the expense
 - a. We want to keep the composting program
 - b. Anne will ask if facilities has the budget for it
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Volunteer Committee – Kara
 - i. Talent Show went great, 3 others ready to work it next year.
 1. Maybe get rid of dance party and bring back craft booths, photography, poetry, ect.
 - ii. Grandparent open house date needs to be switched because of testing, some Friday in April
 1. Anne wants it to be specific to each classroom
 - iii. Community Service, each room parent through Haley did what makes sense for each class, electives will be tied in with bigger projects.
 - iv. New Family Welcome Night – Colin should own this event, April 26th, teachers don't want to have to do official presentation, maybe 1 representative from each grade, especially to communicate 4th grade Keystone trip
 - b. Fundraising Committee – Vanessa

- i. The thermometer sign is up. We are 61% of the way there.
 - ii. Participation – took Myschoolanywhere list and checked off every family and for grocery cards, best guess we are at 64% of families.
 - iii. In the second e-post will update with graphic.
 - c. Communications Committee- Meg
 - i. E-post- concerned info is being missed and/or redundant
 - 1. Kara – volunteers getting info from multiple point persons
 - 2. Vanessa – we get reminder, then send same reminder to others, could it be refocused?
 - ii. We can't rely on e-post managers to edit
 - iii. Potentially 20-25 people are contributing, take the few minutes to make sure it's right, saves time in the long run
 - iv. 75 characters, needs headline, check for errors- will send cribsheet
 - v. Melanie – if I see something wrong who do I tell? Reply to epost and cc Meg.
 - d. Romancing the Vine – Cedra
 - i. Getting 85% of items for auction, please follow up
 - ii. Still need to do programs and auction sheets
 - iii. March 3rd is deadline to have all items in hand.
 - iv. 14 tickets have been sold. Encourage everyone to buy tickets.
 - v. Can Anne send a paperless post? Yes
 - vi. Yard signs for drop off? Yes
 - vii. Specific items to ask for in next e-post, quilting
 - e. Electives- Melinda
 - i. Anne helped this time, wants to get kids registered more efficiently by picking 1 class from each hour group
- 5. Principal's Report – Anne
 - a. Has someone who writes models, if we can collect data better she can have electives assigned automatically.
 - b. Photo shoot Feb 17th for marketing for school for DPS, what we have for a logo is more like a picture so we are revamping the logo with kids input
 - c. Parent event coming up – Parenting the Whole Gifted Child, speaker Blanche Kapushion, GT expert. March 16th, 6:30-8pm, not just for Polaris
 - i. There is PTO money for refreshments, CAGT does as well
- 6. Teacher's Report – Kris
 - a. Still hoping to get group together about funding, 1st and 2nd grade have submitted funding requests, it would be nice to know what we can ask for.
- 7. Unfinished business-
- 8. New business – 6th grade babysitter
- 9. Adjournment – Next meeting March 6, 2017