

PES PTO Minutes

Tuesday - April 4, 2019

Attendees: Tara Walsh, Valerie Beard, Kara Gilmour, Jaclyn Kane, Harley Jablonski, Heather Rodgers

Board Members: Rachael Van Ness, Heather Dwyer, Colleen Bradshaw, Mrs. Forish

1. **Welcome** all – thank you for coming
2. **Principal's Report:** Thank you to the PTO and families for the great Celebration of Reading that we just completed. We are looking forward to our cultural enrichment program next week with Karen Land coming who is a former Iditarod musher. She will be bringing her dog, but the dog will remain on the stage so there is no contact with the children. Kindergarten registration has started and we currently have 59 children registered for next year. SBAC testing starts after April Break. Our book bowl team will compete next Monday night at the library, and PES hopes to hold on to the trophy again this year 😊 Mrs. Mastropietro is also looking for small tools for students to use in the maker space.
3. **Teacher's Report:** Many thanks for the popup picnic luncheon. Mrs. Cipriano wants to share that the Regional Art Show is April 26th from 6-9pm & April 27th from 10am-2pm. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the art work (matting, name tags, etc.) and can reach out to her at acipriano@region15.org Also teachers will be reaching out to students who won the raffles at the school dance to coordinate.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** This month we collected the remaining ASE tuition payments, and are just starting to pay the vendors. We also wrapped up yearbook orders and made a deposit for the final payments and dedications.

Committee Reports:

Puzzle Contest – Went well for our first time – only 1 snafu with a crazy puzzle; team of 5th graders won and a trophy will stay at the school with the names on a plaque of the winners

Yearbook – Complete and will be submitted at the end of the week – thanks to Karen O'Leary for all of her hard work on this!

Board of Ed (Tara Walsh) – big discussion this month was the budget – 2.48% increase (avg. over past years was 2.8%); increasing technology, using a phased approach for chrome carts over 4 years (purchased new vs. desktops & laptops which are refurbished); supplementary cafeteria space in HS for seniors; many kudos to the transparency of the budget process this year – all members minus 1 was going to support and approve the budget. 1 community member spoke concerning the increase in budget vs. declining population – response is an increase in special education needs. May 8th is referendum day

A+ rewards – Evi Banks taking over; closed for the year so thank you for shopping

Apex – in conjunction with CTF – goal of fundraising is to increase playscape features; 4/23 end of day kickoff then Wed – Wed program with the program mantra being STRONG (selflessness, teamwork, etc.). Need 5-8 volunteers for the day of the fun run on Thursday or Friday (based on SBAC testing)
More information forthcoming

ASE – Thursday classes are complete; still have 2 Tuesday classes left for the winter session. We are working on the spring catalog – hoping to get quick responses and get the new session up and running – there are some new classes as well as some of the same ones that were very popular

Dance – thank you to everyone who baked and volunteered – Shannon Seeberg did a wonderful job with the raffles, and everyone seemed to enjoy the dance

Spritwear – will be open again soon and will coincide with kindergarten registration so incoming students can purchase gear

Supply Drive is wrapping up – there is still a chance to go online and find some remaining items, but wrapping up

Hospitality – last week provided the staff with a lovely luncheon – thank you for all who donated!

Flamingo Flocking – hoping to start May 1st

Raffle:

Lunch with Mrs. Forish – Tara Walsh
Starbucks gift card – Jaclyn Kane

Committees:

Bingo night – Tara Walsh volunteered to co-chair
Open committees – BOE rep co-chair, Tip-A-Teacher co-chair, Costume Craze co-chair, Back to School Picnic, Grant Writing, Eagle Sign, Coupon Books, Website assistant

Dates to Remember:

4/5 – Cultural Enrichment Assembly
4/8 – Region 15 Book Bowl @ Sby Library 6-7pm
4/10 – Bingo Night 6:30-7:30
4/10-4/12 – Kindergarten registration sessions
4/11 – Parent Presentation at PHS, 7:00 – Anxiety and Stress in Students
4/23 – APEX/CTF kickoff assembly
4/26-4/27 - Region 15 Art Show
4/29 – BOE meeting 7:30 PHS all purpose room