



Benjamin D. Foulois PTO | SY24-25

General Body Meeting Minutes - August 29, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by the Christopher Randolph (PTO Preside

- The meeting began with introductions and an overview of the agenda, and shared the disclaimer that the meeting was being recorded.

Old Business

A. President's Notes

- a. PTO President Christopher Randolph, shared the theme for the school year:
Transparency
 - i. Seeking transparency from the school: ensuring that all decisions and communications are clear and open
 - ii. Providing Transparency to our members: keeping you informed and involved every step of the way
 - iii. Encouraging transparency in our process: so that everyone understands how and why decisions are made within the PTO.

B. Finance Committee

a. Treasure shared the current financial report

- i. \$20,981.82 (Total Account Balance), 5,465 (Principal's Budget)
- ii. Income and Revenue: \$739 (Membership Dues), \$50 (Donation)
- iii. Expenses: \$59.57 (August PTO Operating Expenses)
- iv. Proposed Budget Categories: School Support \$5,000 (Teacher Reimbursement, \$7,000 (Activities), \$2,000 (Administrative Fees), \$600 (Other Misc. Fees)
- v. Explanation is provided on some of the items that the budget is used to cover such as teacher reimbursement, field day, school/community events, Zoom, Jot Form, Wix, etc.
- vi. Voting on SY24-25 Budget: No opposition. Budget is Approved

Questions

- **What's the difference between the regular budget and the principal's account?**
Principal's account that the principal has that is earmarked for items that the principal wants to do such as Teacher Appreciation. Things that can not be purchased through the school budget
- **Is it advertised to the teachers that if they pay into the PTO they get this allotment?** Yes
- **When we have dances and certain events at the school, do you all reach out to parents that have business to volunteer instead of paying for those services?** Yes, last year we saw more volunteer participation than we saw the previous year.
- **Is there a cap for the teachers within this budget?** \$250 per teacher

C. Fundraiser Committee

a. Vice President of Fundraising shared the current Fundraiser Committee report.

- i. Currently planning fundraiser for SY24-25
- ii. Double Good Fundraiser will take place in October
- iii. Sell concessions at all school sporting events. Seeking donations from local grocery stores and businesses.
- iv. Setting up various fundraiser nights with local restaurants
- v. Wednesday, September 4, 2024: First Fundraiser Committee Meeting.
Send any fundraising ideas via email as well

Recommendations/Questions (Parent)

- Mega Raiser: ask people to donate on behalf of a child. Can attach incentives to the fundraiser (i.e. class with the highest donation wins a pizza party).
- Bring Spirit Wear to sell at various school events (Back to School Night), Set up a photographer to take pictures.

D. Operations and Events

a. Vice President of Operations shared the current Operations and Events Committee report.

- i. Collaborated with the PTO Executive Board to identify events for the school year.
- ii. Currently establishing an Events Committee
- iii. Harvest Fest is the first PTO Sponsored event

E. Membership Committee

a. Membership Chairperson shared the current Membership Committee report.

- i. Membership Drive (Ends October 15). Class with the membership wins a pizza party and the teacher receives a gift card.
- ii. Paid membership gives you voting rights on PTO business.

Questions

- **How do we pay for the membership and join?** On the website and in the PTO group me their is a link to sign up and pay for membership

F. Delegate Committee

a. Delegate Chairperson shared the current Delegate Committee report

- i. Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee
- ii. No updates at this time from Dr. Kenneth Harris' 7th District Committee at this time
- iii. Community Information: PG Parks is starting a Saturday Enrichment Program for Grades 1-3 (Focus: STEM, ELA)
- iv. Promote the Vote Event (Begins in September)
- v. Lynn Frasier from PG Parks and Rec shared information about the Saturday Enrichment Program

G. Principal's Report and Questions from Members

a. Principal Hogue shares school information and updates

- i. Gym floor will be completed tomorrow, August 30, 2024
- ii. Principal Hogue shared the importance of joining the PTO and supporting the BDF

Questions

- **Will you be sending out the links to the different Class Dojos for classrooms?** The teachers will be doing that. There are some delays due to the switch over
- **When will the outdoor playgrounds be completed?** The playground that is being redone is the regular elementary playground (Grades 1-3). In approximately 4 weeks.
- **I'm not receiving communication from PGCPs, who should I contact?** Speak to Ms. Holmes
- **How do I receive the newsletter via text?** We use School Messenger, so whatever email or phone number is attached to School Messenger will get the newsletter notification.
- **Is there anything that can be done in terms of advocacy and transportation issues?** Organizing as a parent organization to collect accurate information regarding concerns with transportation and leveraging the PTO Delegate Ms. Vickerie to communicate the concerns in an organized and solution oriented way. PTO will develop some ideas regarding ways to come together as parents to collect needed information to move forward.