



PTO General Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2017 at Timber Ridge Elementary

TR Meeting Start	Called to order by Lacey Giunta at 7:04 pm on 4/17/2017. Staff introductions (Sonner, Schonhorst, Vis, Hepker, Gearhart and A Fisher), as well as parent introductions immediately followed
PTO Meeting Minutes	February & March Meeting Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve February & March 2017 General Meeting minutes made by Lauren T, 2 nd by Alex. Motion passed.
Treasurer's Report	Reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treasurer's report presented by Amy Hupfer ● Continue to get funds in from un-fundraiser. Request was made to get a tally of corporate matches, and the treasurer will follow up on this
Teacher Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fifth grade teachers (Gearhart & Fisher) presented on educational issues regarding summer reading--loss of reading skill and lack of growth ● Fisher & Gearhart brainstormed together over break and came up with ideas such as having the school library open occasionally over the summer, a desire to create a Free Little Library in a high need neighborhood within school boundaries, and a discussion on how any efforts they're interested in can tie into the PTO Summer Reading efforts ● Discussion ensued regard these ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer school library availability: volunteer staffing (including interest from graduating 5th graders to assist), need for regular hours (Thursday, 9-11 a.m.), desire for evening availability, impact on KTC & building/library security ○ Free Little Library: Cost, stock, stocking. ○ This also led to discussion about other summer reading outreach ideas
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Summer Reading Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs a co-chair, as the chair has a 4th grade student, and 2017-2018 will be the last year the current chair will have a student at TRE ○ Request for ideas for the "surprise" ○ Chair will work with principal to get the template sent out, and to incoming kindergarteners ● <u>Book fairs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BOGO Fair on May 18th, in conjunction with Fine Arts Night, from 3:30 to the end of the Fine Arts Night (approximately 7:30 p.m.) ○ Will be located in the cafeteria ○ Proceeds will go to the book room ● <u>Family Nights</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten music night hospitality - donations were successful, but help requested for setting up and maintaining snack table. Beth R to assist ○ Free skate night May 4th, 5-8 p.m. ○ 5K race on May 20th. Registration at 2:30, run at 3. Race mapped by physical education instructor (Pecina), and water will be availability. Registration fees cover cost of shirts and funds a donation to the ALS society in memory of a late TRE staff member. Shirt order due May 10 ● <u>Yearbook</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total orders this year: 332. This is an increase of over 100 yearbook orders. The profits from this year will be able to cover the loss that the \$500 loss the PTO suffered on yearbooks last year, as well as provide a small profit for the PTO. ○ Feedback from PTO members indicate that the 5th grade messaging reminder also helped remind parents to buy yearbooks. %th grade messages added about 3 pages ● <u>Classroom Parents</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on this topic was tabled until May meeting ● <u>Hospitality</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher appreciation week is coming up. Hospitality committee will need a few sides for a barbeque, as well as other donations for the staff.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PBIS training was successful, and more information will come at a later date. A PBIS family night will be planned
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3rd grade funding request



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The 3rd grade requested funds for a field trip to the Science Center of Iowa for the soundscape exhibit. Cost is \$9 per student. o Discussion included parent feedback on the exhibit and current issues with large number of schools visiting Science Center of Iowa making access to exhibits difficult, the rejection of funds for previously requested field trips, and o Input from the principal that field trip funding will be allocated differently in the next school year so that funding is better available. o Request was denied ● PTO Recruitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We are currently very small, and the May meeting will include voting for board members o School Supplies committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a committee of 1, and would need volunteers to continue. ▪ This is not run as a fundraiser, PTO makes no money on school supply kits. ▪ Staff indicated that many parents forget that they ordered the kits, and purchase additional school supplies. The kits are then donated to the classroom ▪ No volunteers for the school supplies committee, so it was determined that school supply kits will be discontinued for the next school year. This committee and service will be re-evaluated next year and may serve as a fundraiser in future years (which will help even out the costs) ● All School Shirts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o PTO members requested information on who is in charge of these. o Parents are interested in these as they help with field trips o Shirts are building funded, and last time were done at a loss as people did not pay o Principal to follow up on this, and information on school shirts will be included with teacher assignment letters. o Plan will be not to do different colored t-shirts for different grades ● Field Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lots of volunteers needed. PE teacher Lisa Pecina will send out signup volunteer. Sara Miller volunteered to assist with sign up process/communication if needed.
Timber Ridge News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meals from the Heartland coming soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More volunteers always welcome ● Staffing change re-communicated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Johnston is discontinuing assistant principals, and changing the role to behavioral interventionist/support specialist. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This role is full time within a single building ▪ This role will also help with PBIS ▪ Mr. Morgan will not be filling this role in TRE (he will be at Lawson) ▪ Interviews are complete, the candidate for the role has accepted and will start in August
Disbursement Requests	None at this time
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned shortly at 8:21 pm after motions to adjourn by Sara Miller, seconded by Heather McMulin. All voted in favor
Attendance	Amy Hupfer, Mary Skinner, Heather McMulin, Alex Karajic, Beth Reese, Megan Walterbach, Lauren Templeman, Sara Miller, Monica Hoff, Laurel Griffin, Sara Bath, Lacey Giunta, Beth Arnold, Kelley Harrison, Cindy Sonner, Megan Schonhorst, Shauna Vis, Amy Hepker, NAdine Woods, Kristen Gearhart, Abbey Fisher.

Reminder – See you at next meeting