



Timber Ridge PTO Minutes
February 13, 2018

Call to order 6:33p - This is the annual Joint Elementary PTO Meeting.

A meeting of **Timber Ridge Elementary PTO** was held at **TRE LMC** on **2/13/2018**. Board Members present: Co-Presidents: Jason Arnold & Beth Arnold, Secretary: Lacey Giunta. PTO Members present: see sign-in sheet.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve January 2018 minutes (Thank you Amy Withers) was made by Lauren and seconded by Amy. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's report prepared by Treasurer, Monica Hoff. Jason Arnold shared report. Approval of report motioned by Alex and seconded by Megan.

Committees:

Hospitality (Megan W) Chocolate feast this Friday. Volunteers needed for tearing down. Megan proposed a baked potato bar for conference night through the Johnston Nutrition Dept. at the cost of \$360. Motion to use hospitality budget to cover the cost of the conference meal for teachers made by Megan W, seconded by Megan T. Motion Passed.

Yearbook (Alex) –Yearbooks on sale now. Flyers/posters available. Keep pictures coming through the end of month of March. Kelly will share the link for pictures with staff again. Books are \$17 this year.

Book Fair-(Jason) Looking for Book Fair volunteers. Sign up is available. Kelly shared that Digi-Kids has worked on Public Service Announcement in regards to respecting property at the book fair that they will share with the school. Book fair set up begins Feb 26th.

School Supplies-(Beth R) Lacey shared that Beth had worked with Tracy on school supplies lists and received the quotes from EPI. Beth R will review the quotes for accuracy and then we discussed the pricing. Last year we rounded up to no more than \$5. A motion was made by Alex that each grade school supplies box makes a minimum profit of \$5 per box. Seconded by Megan T. Motion passes. Beth A reminded that each grade (regardless of boy or girl) will have the same cost.

Educational Rebates-(Sara W) Spring Box Tops – Sara W let the PTO know by email that she is unlikely to be able to submit the educational rebates by their due date of March 1st due to illness in her family. Alex K and Megan Thompson volunteered to help Sara out. Megan will contact Sara and Alex will draft an email for Kelly to share with teachers to begin collection.

PE Skating Grant – (Lacey) Lacey shared Ms. Pecina’s news that the PE teachers have a plan to fund a set of roller skates to be purchased and shared by all elementaries. They’ve received some grant money from the district and are asking each PTO for \$1000 toward the purchase. In the past, we have paid that much for rental of the skates annually. Lacey made a motion to pay \$1000 toward purchase of PE skates for the elementaries to share. Seconded by Megan Thompson. Motion passes.

Communication- (Beth & Jason) Social Media policy draft passed out to those in attendance. Kelly will share with Laura Sprague at the district office for feedback. PTO will vote/discuss @ March PTO mtg.

Old business

Memorial discussion tabled for March PTO meeting.

New Business

Joint Elementary PTO Meeting

Johnston Community School District Update 2018

Dr. Lunn-

Enrollment: Growth continues 153 more students this year. Growth expected to continue for the next five years before slowing down. School district is changing.

New Construction/renovation: New Johnston High School-state of the art facilities, dynamic/engaging learning environment for students and teachers. High school transformed to Johnston Middle School. Renovation continues. Former middle school to Wallace Elementary and Johnston Early Learning Academy. Recipient of \$1Million from Mid-American due to energy efficient design.

Focus areas for staff and students: District developed ‘Portrait of a Learner’. Student learning and well-being (authentic relationships, Capturing Kids Heart training middle school), critical thinking, community and global mindedness.

Planning for future –managing growth, managing state funding, for Johnston it is slowly creating larger class sizes due to increase in students because we aren’t experiencing cuts but don’t have the funds to add staff. Introducing bill to allow more flexibility of spending of funds allocated to different areas within the district.

Dr. Lunn shared that they are taking another year before looking at school start times changing.

Tracy Walker- Summit PTO-Looking for two co-presidents, book fair help, fall fundraiser help, JMS has PTO quarterly meeting. New HS PTO.

Dragon Scholarship Fund: Carrie Dunley-Carlson & Beth Hesselmann- non-profit scholarship funds for seniors, Auction March 3rd “Wear Your College Colors” Sheraton WDM –Casual this year.

JA Biztown All Elementary Discussion: Lawson PTO funded, TRE Crowd Funded, Beaver Creek parental donation/crowd funded, Wallace PTO funded. Propose District Foundation funding. Pros: consistency between buildings. Cons- long time before approval and yearly request to be made. Discussion to be had by administration with the foundation moving into next year.

JA Biztown TRE Discussion: Megan motioned that we add JA Biztown as a line item on our PTO budget in the amount of \$2500. Alex with the second. All those in favor – motion passes.

Fifth Grade Celebration All Elementary Discussion: Proposed to do all district 5th grade celebration. Pros-consistency, meeting other students. Cons – logistics, last celebration with current friends. Each building will be doing their own celebration again this year. Horizon & Beaver Creek do Hidden Acres, Wallace & TRE do Sleepy Hollow, Lawson does Dewey Park.

Fifth Grade Celebration TRE Discussion:

Suzanne Downs provided info via email. PTO has budgeted \$1000 for the celebration. Cost is \$12 per student plus bussing. Total \$1658.

Megan T motioned to eliminate 5th grade memory book as a stand-alone, and incorporate into yearbook. Motion seconded by Alex. All in favor. Motion passes.

Megan motions to move the memory book budget into the 5th grade celebration. 2nd by Lacey. Motion passed.

A parent volunteered to donate the remaining balance of \$158 to fund the 5th grade celebration.

Purple Party All Elementary Discussion: Purple Party Steering Committee is in need of more interest and help. TRE and Wallace are the only elementary schools that participate in baskets. 3000 people attend. 36th year. Ideally two steering committee volunteers from each school. Other elementaries shared that they've opted out of baskets because parents burnt out on donations and cost. Proposed purple party without baskets. Beth suggested Purple party & PTO presidents' discussion. Mr. Toot – Ask the question- what is the purpose of the purple party? What does our community want for the purple party?

Purple Party TRE Discussion: Suggested that perhaps Purple Party can raise funds specific to funding JA Biztown.

Announcements

Timber Ridge News – Mrs. Harrison: May 15th is the date for the 5th grade celebration. That will change the dates of other activities and so now May 8th is the date for Fine Arts night and 5th grade vocal and band concerts.

March 8th TRE all school celebration – finding students passion. More info to come.

Building moving to incorporate more “Leader in Me” training and education for teachers and students. Kelly stated that in the next year, this may be an area that the PTO could be asked to fund.

Kelly announced that she continues to be available to parents. She offered to contact her about a meeting time and stated that she works late the day of PTO meetings and so is available after school times.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting made by Megan. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:40p. Motion passes.