



## Timber Ridge PTO Minutes 3.12.19

### Call to Order 7:02PM

- A meeting of Timber Ridge Elementary PTO was held at Timber Ridge Elementary on 3.12.19.
- Board Members present: Co-Presidents: Jason Arnold, Beth Arnold; Secretary: Amy Withers; Treasurer: Monica Hoff
- PTO Members present: see sign-in sheet.

### Approval of Minutes

- Approval of February minutes: motion to approve made by Sara, Seconded by Shawn. Approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report: (see Treasurer's Report): Motion to approve made by Shawn, seconded by Alex. Approved.

### TR News- Mrs. Harrison

- Kelley was absent so no report

### Superintendent- Laura Kacer

- Laura was impressed that we have the highest attendance of all the PTOs in the district!
- She is contracting with a retired superintendent to look into changing up our organizational setup.
- Enrollment in the district is down for the first time, so funding is down as well. We need to be smart about using our resources. There is a developer who is interested in the land directly north of the high school, and they want to re-zone it from agricultural to residential and commercial. This could attract some new families and help with our growth.
- Principals are looking at moving teachers due to students' aging.
- If we don't have any more weather related cancellations, we will not need to make up the two days that were canceled. As of now, this year's calendar ends

Friday, May 31. However, teachers are contracted for the number of days they work, and they will make up the days in professional development.

- Demo on the old Wallace building is complete and the new Central Office building is starting to take shape. It may be ready by the end of June.
- Three or four school board positions will be available in November. Please consider running! This is a purely voluntary position.
- Beth asked why the ELA is in new Wallace instead of old Wallace, and why the central office building is being moved from Merle Hay. Laura's best guess as to why is that the old middle school building is so large that it was the best place to fit the ELA. Also, the current central office building is outdated and we don't need it. The hope is that someone will come along and want to buy it.
- Sara Miller asked if new Wallace is full. The answer is no. No elementary school is full. But we are not planning to re-district any time soon.

## Kindergarten Teachers

Kindergarten Teachers- Julie Swift, Brandie Newberg, Abby Gardiner

- When Julie started teaching 15 years ago, kindergarteners needed to know 8 words. Now they need to know 70. Teachers know that students need to learn in many ways. Heidi Songs are songs to help kindergarteners learn words. Each word has a different song. Every week, all 150 kindergarteners gather in the community and sing the songs.
- Another big focus this year is character. Empathy, asking questions, how to read faces- all examples of character focus this year.
- Megan asked why the increase in the number of words students need to know. Answer- state standards, as well as an academic push for early learning.

## Committee Reports:

Hospitality (Megan)

- Conference dinner went well!
- Chocolate feast also went well!
- Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 6. We will hold a brief meeting before next month's meeting on April 4th at 6:30.

Experiences (Shawn)

- Committee has officially spent all their money!
- The Brazillian twins show is coming up April 5th at 2:15.
- Will be giving \$900 toward Dragon Dream Day. This year's will be bigger and better. Kelley has reached out to some high school extracurricular groups who will also come.

Yearbook (Alex)

- As of today we are up to 238 orders. We are contracted up to 300. Deadline is this Friday. If you haven't ordered yet, please do!
- We may have a little profit this year.

- Usually they run more copies than what was sold. In years past they have let us keep them and Alex donates them. Alex was told that this year they will not let us have them and any extra copies that are made will need to be paid for.
- Now that people are entering most of the orders online, we will have a smaller payment to Lifetouch.
- Deadline to submit pictures is after Spring break so that Alex can build pages.

#### Box Tops (Alex)

- Submission for Spring was significantly less than Fall. Total was \$203.
- Pizza Hut sponsored a pizza party for the winning class- Mrs. McGaha's class.
- Our only cost was shipping- \$14.

#### Book Fair (Beth)

- Two teachers won posters because students didn't put their names on the slips.
- We did \$11,504.16 in sales, which is about \$800 more than last year. The Scholastic dollars go to the library in the Spring- Mrs. Richardson will get to spend \$5752 at Scholastic!
- HUGE shoutout to Megan Thompson for her work in raising money for All For Books! This Spring Megan Mertes proposed the idea to make \$20 gift certificates for 32 underprivileged children at the school to shop at the book fair. Teachers came down with the students to help guide them to choose the correct books.
- Jason would like PTO to buy a few more tables for the book fair. The company we usually rent tables from claimed to not get a check from us.

#### Fifth Grade Celebration (Beth)

- Will do the same thing that happened last year on May 28th, with a rain date of May 30th.

#### Monica:

- Original Works are due Friday
- Dine nights- we've raised about \$1000 between the four restaurants. We may be able to do Chipotle in May

### Old Business

- Teacher gift cards
  - Sara had an amazing time delivering gift cards. The original list was for 43 people; one person didn't make it on the list so Sara has a receipt to turn in.
  - Possibly, in the future, we could switch to Amazon gift cards, since there is no fee.

### New Business

- TR 5K
  - Falls on the same day as the ALS National Youth Action Day- May 19th.

- Striders
  - Victory run is April 23 at 5pm downtown.
- Field Day
  - Bounce House company is out of business. Monica has found a new company. We have budgeted \$450 and the cost is \$500. Motion to approve additional spending made by Megan. Seconded by Megan. Voted. Passed.
- Mix It Up Day was yesterday and went great!

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Alex. Seconded by Shawn. Voted, approved.

Adjourned at 8:17pm.