

Patriot Oaks PTO Meeting Minutes

5/12/2015 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Patriot Oaks Academy Cafeteria

Reports:

- ❖ Welcome/Call to Order – Robyn Lilac called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Approval of the Minutes from April – Tonya Porter motioned to approve the meeting minutes as posted for April. Robyn Lilac seconded. Minutes approved.
- ❖ President Report – Robyn Lilac
 - District Elementary STEM Fair May 16 at Palencia Elementary School from 8-11 a.m
 - The Elementary Olympics is open to the public and takes place on Wednesday, May 13 at St. Augustine High School from 3:30-6:30 p.m. POA will participate
 - Science lab – PTO has finished purchasing items for the science lab and it is up and running.
 - Committee chairs still needed for next school year
 - Donation Drive Fundraiser
 - Holiday Shop co-chair
 - Patriotic Events
 - 8th Grade
- ❖ Treasurer's Report – Amy Mendheim
 - Account currently sits at \$52,052.64
 - Outgoing and incoming treasurers just opened two reserve accounts to set aside funds for playground equipment and staff development
 - Total income YTD = \$19,954.41 (includes Art to Remember funds that will go to Art Department)
 - Vote on a proposed new line item for the budget in the amount of \$1,875.00 to purchase and launch Spirit Stick incentive program.
 - Amy Mendheim made motion to approve the new line item. Tonya Porter seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. None opposed. Motion passed.
- ❖ New Business –
 - Vote on proposed change to 2015 – 2016 By-Laws, changing the Business Partner Coordinator name to Community Coordinator in accordance with new District Guidelines.
 - Kristen Blausey made a motion to approve the changes. Amy Kaminsky seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.
 - Installation of the 2015 – 2016 PTO Board: Thank you to outgoing members founding Board Members, Amy Kaminsky and Jennifer Sicilian for their time and commitment in forming the new PTO
 - New 2015 – 2016 Board installed as follows:
 - President - Robyn Lilac
 - Co-VP - Diane Thompson

- Co-VP - Amy Mendheim
- Treasurer - Tonya Porter
- Corresponding Secretary - Aimee DeCaria
- Recording Secretary - Jenny Mahne
- Business Partners (To be called Community Coordinator) - Jenn Neuman

❖ **Principal's Report: From the Principal via Robyn Lilac**

- Mrs. Harrison is receiving award for Family and Community involvement from the district today and could not be present at this meeting.
- Summer activities (reading lists, etc) will soon be posted on school website -
 - Activities will be flexible this summer and will include a check list system this year
 - Students that participate in the summer activities will be receiving a spirit stick in the Fall
 - Software programs (with the exception of AR) will be available for use by students at home during the summer
- 6th grade summer program – ½ day for girls & ½ day for boys
 - Dates will be announced soon
 - Look for information sent home and on website
- Battle of Books – 2nd place district!
- Ms. Meringolo's (Technology Middle School Teacher) students are earning Digital Tool Certificates in Multimedia
 - Leads to being better prepared for high school digital certificates and beyond
- Running of the Knights – May 15 6:15PM
 - If at least 25 students or staff from POA register, we get \$5 back to POA for each registrant
- Check website for café and clinic procedures to close out the year

❖ Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

Have a wonderful summer! The first PTO Meeting of the 2015 – 2016 year is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. Please follow along on our website or Facebook page for the official calendar and other updates about the upcoming year.