

Patriot Oaks Academy General PTO Meeting Minutes

11/18/2014 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: Robyn Lilac, Amy Mendheim, Diane Thompson, Amy Kaminsky, Jenn Neuman, Jennifer Sicilian, Jenny Mahne, Emily Harrison. PTO Members signed in on membership list.

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Patriot Oaks PTO was held in the Cafeteria of Patriot Oaks on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. President Robyn Lilac called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. Jenny Mahne will record minutes for this meeting.

Katie Shaw made motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2014. Amy Mendheim second the motion. Minutes approved.

Reports:

❖ President: Welcome/Call to Order

- Fun run was a success. All three admins will be slimed because all goals were met!
- Food drive collection – over 40 large boxes of food and clothing were loaded in three large vehicles and delivered by Chargers Dads to an area school in need.
- School dedication this Thursday from 6 – 7:30.
- Spirit Wear is coming soon!
- Holiday Shop is coming the 8 – 12th of December.
- Please remind parents to remind others to contact our volunteer coordinator to ensure that they are an approved volunteer – must be an approved volunteer to visit school for any reason. * If you have volunteer hours for work done at home or outside of being checked in at school, please also email Meredith Connell with those hours.
- New toner cartridge recycling program is going well.
- We have a parent working on starting mycokerewards for our school. More info soon.
- A privacy ware will be introduced at the technology expo that offers an e-resource for parents to use for internet security. It will be included among our kickback programs.
- Notes and updates from District meeting:
 - District is in transition to update their food program per the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools guidelines. This will affect what we are able to offer for purchase to students. Anything that is sold at school will need to follow these standards beginning next year. Need to begin thinking about this and be aware of what works within those guidelines.
 - Proposed District calendar for next year is up online on the SJCS website and they are looking for input by November 20.
 - FSA is the new testing that will be implemented.. the district has shared a link to a practice test and encouraged parents to try it. www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests
 - TAG! The Children's Museum in St. Augustine has purchased land and will be building soon – offering summer programs soon.

❖ **Treasurer:**

- Amy Mendheim presented updates.
- Total earnings year to date \$73,637.42
- Checking balance as of 11/16 is \$97,478.79 – included the Fun Run income received this week, which is why the balance sits so high. Invoices pending.
- Pledged amount for fun run \$51,804.30
- Collection rate for Fun Run at 84% after first count day, nets to \$43,600.24..After day 2 of count, we should have a remainder of approximately \$8200 still to collect from pledges. Last collection day is Friday, November 21st.

❖ **Principal's Report:**

- Please join us for dedication this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. –some classrooms will be open, short presentation and cake/light refreshments.
- Looking for parent survey suggestions: Visible learning process is used heavily, but it is focused on collecting information about students and including their voice in how teaching is done. Mrs. Harrison also wants to survey parents to get input and improve processes. Posting feedback on social media doesn't make its way back to those who can use it, so Mrs. Harrison is making a survey to be used by Admins in process improvement. If you have ideas about things that should be included on the parent survey, please let Mrs. Harrison know. Those present shared ideas with Mrs. Harrison.

❖ **Question and Answer for PTO Board/Mrs. Harrison - Robyn Lilac opened the floor for questions:**

- Questions for Mrs. Harrison regarding types of testing that will be done in Florida of the next year were raised. Mrs. Harrison shared information about how testing changes have come about and explained differences between the tests.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

Tuesday, January 13, 2014 9:30 AM at *the South Amenities Center of Durbin Crossing*

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

Submitted by,
Jenny Mahne
Recording Secretary
Approved: _____