

# Patriot Oaks PTO Meeting Minutes

1/11/2016 ~ 9:15 a.m.

Durbin Crossing South Amenities Center

## Attendance:

Board Members: Robyn Lilac, Amy Mendheim, Aimee DeCaria, Diane Thompson, Jenny Mahne, Jenn Neuman. PTO Members signed in on membership list. Thank you to our School Board representative and PTO member, Beverly Slough for joining us today.

## Call to Order:

A meeting of the Patriot Oaks PTO was held at the Durbin Crossing South Amenities Center on Monday, January 11, 2016. President Robyn Lilac called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Jenny Mahne will record minutes for this meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Robyn Lilac made a motion to approve minutes from October. Tori Long second. All in favor. Minutes approved.

## Reports:

### ❖ President's Report

- Deputy Mincey was unable to come as scheduled due to an equipment issue, but will be rescheduled at a future date tbd.
- Half cent sales tax passed – School Board Representative Beverly Slough shared information:
  - Thank you to POA families for supporting the referendum and bringing energy and hard work to get the word out about it.
  - Collection of the half cent sales tax began January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Will be receiving money monthly, but the first payment will come in March.
  - Will be forming a citizens committee to help with distribution of funds, and we have had a lot of interest in that. There will be 5 members from each district.
  - Sales Tax referendum expires at 10 years and it will not be able to be extended without another vote at that time.
  - 1 K- 8 school is planned in Aberdeen with that sales tax income.
  - Going to market this month to bond about 50 million dollars in order to construct another K-8 in the Nocatee area and one Elementary School in World Golf Village area. Hoping to have them ready for the 17-18 school year.
  - Expansion currently going on at Nease High School will add an additional 600 seats.
  - Plans in the relatively near future to expand Creekside... it is planned to happen in 5 years.
  - District is looking at rezoning options in the fall taking into consideration the new schools that should open 2017 – 2018. Do not yet know what schools will be affected.
- Beverly Slough spoke about her request for parents to Contact State Board of Education about cut scores for FSA.
  - Commissioner Stewart was recommending a set of cut scores; that passed.
  - Assimilation was done and POA received an A.

- St. Johns County is #1 in 21 of the 22 areas. The only area we did not perform as #1 school was because our district chose not to double test students in that area, so SJCS D is #2 in that area.
- High school graduation rates came back, and SJCS D cracked the 90% mark (measures students that start together and go through 4 years together.)
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Oct. 5 – January 16 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser pancake breakfast – tickets for sale at lunch \$10 this week, \$12 at the door that morning.
  - January 16 - Applebee's, 8-10AM, Old St. Augustine Road
  - January 18 – No School
  - January 25-29 – Florida Reads Literacy Week (will be doing book swap again, as well as other events in the classroom)
  - January 25 & 26 – Book Swap (volunteers needed week prior to sort and prepare)
  - January 26 – Teacher of the Year Celebration – World Golf Village 6pm (Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Cippola will be there)
  - February 2 – Spirit Night at Metro Diner
  - February 5 – No School
  - February 6 – District Character Counts Run (at Palencia)
  - February 9 – Class/group pictures
  - February 15 & 16 – No School
  - February 19-26 – Book Fair
  - February 26 – PTO Meeting with Ice Cream Social and Book Fair
- ❖ Treasurer (Tonya Porter)
  - Gave overview of current balance as of this date:
    - Main operating account – \$86,082.90
    - Playground Reserve account: \$10,957.62
    - Staff Development Fund: \$1,462.16
    - Happy to report that we are on budget.
- ❖ New Business/Committee Reports:
  - Amy Decaria – Update on the Rock
    - For those that reserve the Rock on a certain, it should be painted the day before.
    - Plan to paint the background first and let it dry, so it doesn't run off.
  - New Business - 2015 – 2016 PTO Nominating Committee:
    - Held a vote to approve the 2015 – 2016 PTO Nominating Committee:
      - Jenny Mahne, Shannon Pickles, and Tammy Panczuk
    - Tori Long made a motion, Kristen Blousey second to approve the Nominating Committee. Motion approved.
- ❖ Principal's Report – Mrs. Emily Harrison
  - Projections for next school year should be happening in the next month.
  - Report Cards go home today.

- A/B Honor Roll will be coming out soon.
- Just had an Academy Meeting for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders in preparation for their high school transition. More meetings to come that will help prepare the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for high school.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a showcase at World Golf Village that covers the Academies.
- We have a new Guidance Counselor, Ms. Cashwell.
- We are also getting ready for Kindergarten registration. Dates will be coming soon. Please encourage those you know with rising Kindergarteners (or any new students) to register as early as possible to help with planning/staffing.
- Visible Learning Initiative: we are continuing training on the next staff development day in February.
- Taking a team of teachers to FETC this week for technology training.
- We are going to grow next year. The car line will get longer.
- We have had some turn over in staffing. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have been hit this year. There seems to be a trend towards turnover district wide.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

***Monday, February 26, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.*** meeting at **Patriot Oaks**

Submitted by,  
Jenny Mahne  
Recording Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_