Peeples Elementary PTO General Meeting October 24, 2019

In Attendance: Rhonda Mangin, Meghan Simmons, Erin Fish, Wanda Godwin, Buffy Blodgett, Sarah King, Amanda Gardner, Shawn Collins, Zulema Turner, Rebecca Smith, Jennifer Demchak, Sarah Thomas, and Ashleigh Haywcock

- **1. Call to Order -** Rhonda called the meeting to order at 9:33am.
- **2. Welcome and Introductions -** Rhonda introduced herself and welcomed all that attended. Quorum was present but we did not need to vote on anything today.
- **3. Approval of_August 2019 minutes -** Jen Demchak made a motion to approve the minutes and Wanda Godwin seconded.
- 4. Officer's Reports
 - a. President Rhonda Mangin
 - i. **Holiday lunches** Stated that we are in need of volunteers to serve food at this event. Sign ups are for 1 ½ hour shifts and a free meal is received in return.
 - ii. **Staff gift wrap days** Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts for the staff. 4-5 people per day to wrap gifts would be ideal. Tentative gift wrapping dates are December 4th, 6th, 11th, and 13th from 8-2. Any amount of time that can be volunteered is appreciated. A sign up link will go out to staff so we know how many gifts will need wrapping each day.
 - b. Vice President Amanda Moberly absent no reports
 - c. Treasurer Meghan Simmons All bills are currently paid. The school was paid in full this year, unlike it being split into two payments in the past. Meghan created a pie chart to demonstrate where all money comes in from and where all money is allocated to. The pie chart is available on the PTO website along the right hand side under "PTO expenses" and "PTO revenues". This chart will also go into the PTO newsletter. The numbers in the pie chart come from the approved budget.
 - i. Current Checking balance is \$25,586.29
 - ii. Current Savings balance is \$16,520.18
 - **d. Recording Secretary** Erin Fish Reminded everyone to sign in.
 - e. Corresponding Secretary Abby Perez Absent
 - i. PTO Website Abby is keeping the PTO website up to date and current.

5. Committee Reports

a. Box Tops - Ashleigh Haycock reported that people should download the Box Tops App and start using it. When you scan your receipt the app will tell you if you have any Box Tops money. Scan your receipt even if you don't think you have any Box Tops items because there could be some you may not be aware of. You have 14 days from purchase to scan your receipt. Clipping and sending in Box Tops is still beneficial when they are found. Eventually they will be gone.

- Send in any clipped box tops with your child's name and teacher on them. For every 10 they bring in, they get their name placed in a drawing.
- b. <u>Direct Drive</u> Jennifer Demchak \$11,920 is the current amount that has been received, which is \$80 from our goal of \$12,000. If you have not donated to the direct drive yet, please do so. This is in place of asking parents and students to sell items as a fundraiser. Some employers will match your amount, so please be sure to check with your employer. There will be another push in November.
- c. <u>Hospitality</u> Kat Kaysch/Adrienne Hoover absent Rhonda Mangin reported that sign ups will be coming out soon. The Paraprofessional lunch will be the same day as the Holiday lunch and will be held in a classroom. No volunteers will be needed in place of the paraprofessionals in the lunchroom that day because there will be many parents present.
- **d.** <u>Kindness Week</u> Brittney Matchek absent Rhonda Mangin reported that their committee has been meeting monthly and already have many aspects of kindness week worked through.
- e. <u>iRun post report</u> Donna New absent Rhonda Mangin reported that 503 runners registered for the run this year. The combination of the iRun with the Rocket Blastoff was a success.
- **f.** Rocket Blast Off post report Rhonda Margin reported for Donna New The iRun and Rocket Blast Off worked very well together and will be repeated next school year. We cannot get a date for next school year until at least December due to the need to work around other clubs and football games.
- **g.** Room Parents Jenny Tortolla absent Erin Fish reported that room parents will be encouraged to get their Holiday parties planned in November.
- h. Spirit Wear Adriana Marshburn no report
- i. <u>Spring Fling</u> Amanda Moberly absent Rhonda reported that the committee has been meeting monthly. Teacher experiences will be coming out and available for sign up in the beginning of 2020. There is a sponsorship goal of \$2000 by the next meeting. There may be a VIP tent with seating sold under it if the committee can get a donation for the tent. November 13 is their next meeting.
- j. <u>Spirit Night</u> Currently there is no one to officially take this position over, however, Chick-fil-a nights are still happening monthly and there have been two other spirit nights set up. November 19 at Grazing Here and December 10 at Partners Pizza. Details to come.

6. Principal's Report - Mrs. Blodgett -

- a. Mrs. Blodgett thanked Donna New and Tara Lester and their team for organizing the Pumpkin Fun Run, as well as the PTO board and committee for a successful Rocket Blast Off event, and the PTO Hospitality team for snacks at staff meetings and staff appreciation days.
- **b.** School and staff updates were given. Jenny Bradley, Kimberley Heist, and Sarah Harmond have all joined the staff at Peeples Elementary. Cynthia Davis and Kristin Cox have resigned. Deborah Friday is retiring at the end of December. There are positions posted for a Custodian and a Behavioral Interventionist.

- c. Leader in Me update the 1st pep rally and Synergy Squads were a huge success and next one will be November 22nd. Changes to Synergy Squads have been made and students now choose an umbrella theme and then go to 4 different sessions over the school year that relate to that theme. Within each rotation, the students will give back to the community in some fashion.
- **d.** Veteren's Day Celebration will be November 11th at 9:45 Peeples is in the spotlight for Fayette County
- **e.** Red Ribbon Week will be held next week and days will be themed. Themed days are on the school website calendar.
- f. Mario the Maker Magician Assembly will be held on November 5th. The PTO contributed \$1000 two years ago for an assembly and those funds are now being used. The assembly will be STEM based and all students will get the opportunity to see it.
- **g.** Holiday Lunches will be held on November 20th (1st, 3rd, & 5th) and November 21st (K, 2nd, & 4th). Volunteers are needed to help serve food.
- **h.** Holiday parties will take place on December 17th (K-2nd) and December 18th (3rd 5th)
- i. Semester Break will be from December 20th January 6th. Teachers will have a work day on January 5th.
- j. All school events can be seen on the Peeples Website calendar
- 7. **Teachers' Report** Mrs. King reported that the teachers are thankful for the mats.
- 8. Old Business
 - **a.** New gym mats have been put up in the gym to replace the ones that had holes in them. Pictures were shown.
- 9. New Business no new business to report
- 10. Open Floor -none
- **11. Adjourn -** Meghan Simmons made a motion to adjourn and it we second by Wanda Godwin

Upcoming PTO Events:

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night - November 4
Spring Fling Meeting - November 13
Kindness Week Meeting - November 13
Book Fair - November 18 - 22
Holiday Lunches - November 20 & 21
Kindness Week Meeting - December 11
PTO Meeting - December 19

Please check school and PTO website for all calendar dates