

# Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Portage Lake Center PTO Meeting  
LCE Media Center  
November 9, 2015



**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Julia Warner (President), Stephanie Norg (Vice President), Kristen Weaver (Secretary) and Tony Pallo (Treasurer).

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Robin Brendlinger, Rachel Bryant, Lora Darrah, Sarah Overholt, Maggie Piotter, Stephanie Tangeman, Nicole Gutshell, Toyin Daranijoh, Meghan Pavloski

**TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE(S):** Kelly Jensenius, Marci Mungovan, Ashley Palmer-Vance

**OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:** Angie Layne, Lee Kostic, Stacie Sokolowski, Melissa Nicola, Kim Evans, Kellie Schnell, Kera Simpson

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Julia Warner.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes for the October PTO Meeting were reviewed. Stephanie Tangeman motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Lora Darrah seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tony Pallo provided the report which includes the new budget. There is a variance of zero at this time. Bank balance is \$37,752.65. The real balance is \$40,630.62 due to checks that have not cleared. Turtle Trot was another huge success!! Robin Brendlinger motioned to accept the report and Stephanie Tangeman seconded.

**School News** – Kelly Jensenius

THANK YOU for voting!! Yeah!!

96% referral free in October!!

Peer to Peer and Captain's Crew for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are up and running successfully helping students make good choices.

Friday will be the Turtle Trot assembly and Mrs. Jensenius is very excited for the pies and planning something special.

Mrs. Jensenius is going to try something new instead of the newsletter. She will try sending a weekly Monday morning memo with weekly announcements similar to the one the middle school sends highlighting the new things.

Also, Rachel Bryant suggested trying to make the Skyward emails look nicer and everyone agreed.

## **Teacher requests:**

3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are requesting a subscription to Michigan History. They will be for each classroom and kept in something to keep them safer and be kept at the school in the classrooms. A one year subscription is \$505 which is about \$5/student. Rachel Bryant motioned to pass. Stephanie Tangeman seconded.

Request for Sumdog subscription for teachers to monitor students' progress. Rachel Bryant motioned to pass and Stephanie Tangeman seconded.

Mrs. Kitchen is asking for pinnies for gym. Julia Warner will look into Labels for Education to see if we can get better deal. Lora Darrah makes a motion if we can't get a better deal from Labels for Education that we approve \$320-340 to get them. Stephanie Tangeman seconded.

\*\* (UPDATE: Labels for Education does not have them. Mrs. Kitchen will be ordering them now – but she realized she did not need as many as she first thought). \*\*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Box Top Results – There were over 14,000 = over \$1,400.00!!  
4<sup>th</sup> grade was in 1<sup>st</sup> place followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively.
- Warm Kids – Kim did a great job ordering! There were more this year than in the past but everyone was provided for.
- Mileage Club – Angie did a great job and it is now over.
- Turtle Trot – Final number is \$31, 541.91 exceeding our expectations again!! Prize sorting will be Thursday night. Assembly is 11/13 and the top earners will be recognized and the school's top earner will be principle for the day with Mrs. Jensenius. He completely outdid himself and turned in 8 envelopes!
- Picture Retakes – 11/13 – Maggie and Nicole will be there.
- Western Round Up/Raffle – 11/13 – If you can volunteer, please go on SUG
- Teacher Conference – 11/17 and 11/19 meals – Taco Bob's and Carrabba's
- Holiday Boutique – 11/30-12/3 and 12/4 is the makeup day – Set up on 11/25 – Lora Darrah
- Battle of the Books – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been informed as well as the teachers. Team forms are due 11/18 and if they cannot form a team, we will provide one for them. 6 sets of books have been purchased by the PTO and will be made available on 11/23 by Ms. Arnold.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dining Out – Texas Road House – November 12<sup>th</sup> - please bring flyer or a picture of it with you. The school receives 20% back. You can buy a \$50 gift card and 10% goes back to school and you will receive a voucher for a free turkey.
- Newsletter and Website – Deadline December 11/20 and January 12/17
- Family Fun Nights – Jungle Joes(12/17), Great Skate(1/7) – Tony said the first Great Skate went great and there seemed to be no change in attendance due to the ½ day.

- Movie Night – 12/4 Inside Out
- Father/Daughter Dance – Candyland theme – 12/5 next meeting - SUG
- Power-Up Backpacks/12 Baskets – If you can donate, that would be very helpful

Next meeting will be in 2 months. NO DECEMBER MEETING. Please ask if you need help with anything.

**Next regular PTO – January 11, 2016**

**Upcoming events:** 11/17 & 11/19 – Teacher Conferences; 11/25 Holiday Boutique Set up; 11/25-11/27 – NO SCHOOL(Thanksgiving Break); 11/30-12/3 – Holiday Boutique – (12/4 \_ HB makeup day); 12/4 – Movie Night; 12/15 – F/D Dance meeting – 7pm; 12/17 – Jungle Joes Family Night; 12/21-1/4 – NO SCHOOL(Winter Break); 1/7 – Great Skate Family Fun Night; 1/11 – PTO meeting; 1/15 – Movie Night

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kristen Weaver, Secretary