

Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Portage Lake Center PTO Meeting
LCE Media Center
September 14, 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, Melissa Nicola, Sarah Overholt, Meghan Pavlowski, Maggie Piotter, Stacie Sokolowski, Stephanie Tangeman, Nicole Gutshell, Kim Evans, Kellie Schnell, Meghan Pavlowski, Lee Kostic

Special guest: Sarah Baker

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

OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Toyin Daranijoh, Angie Layne, Kera Simpson,

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Julia Warner.

MINUTES: The Minutes for the August 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. Some checks were lost, cancelled, and reissued. There is a variance of zero at this time. Bank balance is \$26,328.27. The real balance is \$25,792.74 due to checks that have not cleared. Tony went over break even events and gave an example page. He has more extensive information if needed. Mr. Critz's and Mrs. Dillon's stuff from last year has come in. The library has not used the money allotted to them yet. Robin motioned to accept the report and Melissa seconded.

School News – Kelly Jensenius

First week went smoothly. This week is Dibels testing and will help decide WIN groups and enrichment.

Stop Walk Talk for bully prevention will start also.

3rd-5th grades will start Project Lead the Way. It is science tech, engineering, and math, robotics, coding, electricity, etc. and starts next week. Area engineers will come to help. The teachers participating are Mrs. Ostertag, Mrs. Mendham, and Mrs. Fitzhenry.

There will be a science night also, with a date to be determined, hosted by Mary Zesiger and Denso.

Open House – There will be a Chromebook in the office to help parents to sign up for Skyward.

Sumdog – Where are we on this? Do we want to keep it? Is the PTO still doing this? We will have the teachers discuss what they would like and revisit.

Volunteer background forms have to be filled out by everyone volunteering.

Teacher requests:

Yes to bus request for 1st grade to Gull Meadows.

4th grade teachers are requesting individual book boxes for kids- \$319.12 for 3 classes; good for organizing and continuity of kids' day. Stephanie T motioned to accept. Sarah seconded.

Mrs. Dally requesting new white boards for the kids to use for classroom work - \$645. -680. Lora motioned for \$900 to be given and Rachel seconded.

Mrs. Kitchen requested exercise cards in the gym \$200. Stephanie T motioned to accept. Robin seconded.

District News – Sarah Baker

Sarah was here to discuss the November ballot. This will be two bond proposals to replace facilities that are aging. There are extensive safety concerns at McCamley stadium and will probably be shut down in the next 2 years. All the research that has been done can be found on the PPS website along with the results found from the community. There will be 2 bonds for \$144 million which would include:

- 2 new middle schools
- 2 new aquatic facilities
- Technology and services (such as buses)
- Stadium and event facilities

Elementary schools will be part of phase 3.

Taxes would increase \$115/year for ~\$150,000 home which would be staying on financial range with area communities.

There will be 2 “See for Yourself” nights. This will allow the community to see the facilities that are on the ballot and see what kind of shape they are in.

- October 14 for North
- October 13 for Central

OLD BUSINESS

- By-laws and Waiver: This was given at last month's meeting and seems that everyone has one in.
- Grab and Go: It went really well. The teachers loved it. PTO did cover the overage.
- Welcome Back Coffee: The event went well. The Dunkin Donuts coffee was not great and the little donut holes were a hit. Everyone heading up and event, contact who signed up at the coffee.
- Newsletter and Website: Great job Sarah!! There will be a half sheet flyer also being sent.
- K-1st lunch helpers: Tony relayed that Laura thinks she has enough but could use a few more volunteers. It was offered that we could ask at churches or the Senior Center for volunteers.
- Picture Day: Marianne was not present. Pictures are September 24 and we are in need of more volunteers.
- Mileage Club: Angie not present but hoping all goes well.
- Lake Center Legends: Went really well. Selling for \$5 to alleviate having to make change.

- Turtle Trot: Rachel and Stephanie T.- Monday is assembly kick off to kids excited. Small donations for prize packages needed. Kids will have a contest to redo logo. If we meet goal, we will have a school wide event like a picnic. Sign up through weebly page.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kindergarten Parents Nights: Tomorrow night
- Open House: Thursday night. Bring name tag
- Spirit Wear: Nicole G. – 17 items to choose from. Quantity discount across items. \$12/t-shirts, \$15/long sleeved t-shirt, \$25/hooded sweatshirt, \$32/zip front hoodie, \$35/1/4 zip pullover. They are screen printed and samples will be available to see and feel. Credit cards will be accepted and available on line until 1st part of October. If ordered on line separately then you will be charged tax but not so if ordered through school.
- Skate Night/Family fun nights: all on the calendar per Tony
- Dining Out: Rachel will pass info to Nicole G.
- Box Tops: Oct 5-9
- Movie Night: Sarah – “Home”. Check first to see if someone owns it so we don’t have to rent it.
- Western Round Up/Raffle: Stephanie N – November 13 6-8.
- In PTO closet is a binder with Teacher’s Favorite Things
- All event summaries are on Google drive. Ask for help anytime.

Upcoming events: 9/15 Kindergarten parent night (7pm), 9/16 Mileage Club starts, 9/17 Open House and Scholastic book Fair, 9/24 Picture Day, 9/25 Turtle Trot, 10/7 - 10/9 5th grade camp, 10/9 Movie Night, 10/12 – ½ day

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Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **October 12, 2015** at **6:30** pm in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kristen Weaver, Secretary