



PES PTA Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020

In Attendance:

Stacy Hall, PTA President
Menka Linthicum, VP & Fundraising
Dan Phillips, Principal
Katy Waldschmidt, Parent
Allison Horton, Parent
Jon and Stephanie Stehle, Parents
Kristina Cecere, Parent
Kimberly Lloyd, Parent

President's Report:

- New Business:
 - Spirit Wear – deadline Oct 15 (may be extended)
 - Fall Membership Drive – ends Oct 15 (can join at any time though) must join by this date to be entered into raffles for Amazon gift cards
 - Masks will be ordered on October 16 and be available for pickup within ~ 2 weeks

- Drive-Thru Pumpkin Patch – Oct 30 – details will come via email
 - Donations of carved pumpkins welcome! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094cafae2da31-carved>
 - Volunteers needed to help with collecting pumpkins, lighting pumpkins and directing cars at night.
 - Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a45abae23a75-volunteer>

- Trivia – working to plan a virtual trivial night – final poll of the night

- Monday Events – submit a video showing your child's hidden talent! Submit videos under a minute to PESMondayActivities@gmail.com

- All entries will be reviewed and by submitting you are giving the PTA permission to share them with all PES families

Principal's Report:

- Thank you to the PTA for all that you have done since last Spring!
- Enrollment 868

- Teachers took advantage of all the classes offered by the county in preparation for the virtual start
- Brought in some excellent teachers this year (5 new teachers)
- Encouraged parents to speak with teachers if something isn't working
- Curriculum grade level teams are stronger than they've ever been
- ADA renovations took place in the building (lowering rails, placing up signs in braille, ripped up sidewalks and replaced with ramps, slope of sidewalks were made more wheelchair friendly)
- Q&A with Principal Phillips:
- Thoughts were shared about Dr. Gloria's talk with City Council
- 10/26 is return date for Special Education students to return to in-school instruction
- Supporting the Return to School Group - run through Fairfax County Office for Children group of children (estimate 60 kids) are not receiving in-school instruction, but attend virtual school at PES.
- Fairfax County is trying to make plans about how to handle what will come next.
- Several School Board Meeting this month
- Prior to going virtual, teachers had a few options to apply for 1) Leave of Absence 2) Resign or Retire 3) Get Doctor's letter stating it's not safe to teach in the building due to health reasons. They could also share if they had issues with childcare or a family member that is high risk.
- Discussion regarding BBCU vs. Google Meet and which works best for student/teacher meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

- We had to cut a lot of things this year or limit it, since we are assuming that fundraising will be a lot less due to not being able to hold in-person events
- Cash on hand = \$15,850
- We took some funds from grade-level and special teachers funds as they usually go towards field trips and in-school activities
- Still expecting to hold Read-a-thon and Book Fair and hopeful that they will do well
- A .pdf of the budget is available
- We've ramped up our Membership push this year and provided line items for donations for activities on Mondays, Principal's Fund, Staff & Teacher Appreciation.
- We increased the Staff & Teacher Appreciation Fund this year.
- We offered teachers a choice of 4 different gift cards (Total Wine, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, and High Side) since we can't host special in-school gifts as we have in the past.
- 2019-2020 Audit will be sent out to all PTA members for review

Approval of Minutes:

Each individual in attendance received a hardcopy of the minutes from the previous PTA Meeting and the minutes were approved.

Membership:

- We are offering membership options in a tiered approach
- Teacher Option, Bronze (Basic), Silver (Car Magnet) , Gold (Car Magnet & Providence Face Mask), Platinum (Car Magnet, Providence Face Mask, & Special Recognition), and add-on options.
- 129 Members
- Kristina will research and see if she's able to pass along the PTA Membership list to the rising middle school

School Supplies:

- Pickup with teacher waves

- If you haven't received your supplies, please contact the school

Family Night Out:

- We need help! Please volunteer!
- Chipotle = \$180.94 raised!
- PJ Skidoos = \$150 raised!

Label Fundraising Event/FNO:

- High Side = \$1,100 raised!
 - High Side also generously provided meals for our staff! Thank you!!!
- Next FNO is 10/22 at Tony's Pizza

Yearbook:

- We were able to provide a yearbook to every household last year!

Spirit Wear:

- Using a new company this year
- Featuring new design
- Experienced an issue with the online store and credit cards were not charged for initial orders
- Sold 21 items so far
- Sale scheduled to close 10/15, most likely will extend
- Orders will arrive within 1-2 weeks

Read-A-thon:

- Kick off Oct. 30th for 3 weeks
- Info will be coming out soon
- Looking for help! Please volunteer!

Family Night Out:

- Teriyaki Madness and Duck Donuts
- Moby Dick
- Working on MOD Pizza and McDonalds

Box Tops:

- All on app only now
- Can not accept paper Box Tops

Amazon Smile:

- \$112 this past quarter - highest quarter ever!
- \$1,537.31 total as of August

Certifikid:

- Use code: PESPTA for every \$20 purchase
- PTA gets \$5, we will receive \$50 from 2019-2020

WE NEED YOUR HELP!:

Visit our open roles at <https://providence.ptboard.com/school/cm?mid=2381>

Minutes prepared by Rachel McQuillen, Secretary