

PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO meeting called to order Friday, April 19th, 2019 at 3:16 p.m. (Rescheduled from April 8th, 2019)
Alyce Taylor Elementary School, 252 Egyptian Drive, Sparks, NV 89441

President: Rachel VerHoef - Present
Vice President: Heidi Capurro - Absent
Principal / Co Vice President: Kate Austill - Present
Treasurer: Tammy Patlan - Present
Co-Treasurer: Vacant - (Louise Moore resigned March 2019)
Secretary: Angie Bowlin - Present

A. Introductory Items:

- Approval of minutes: Angie presented March meeting minutes - Approved by Rachel and Tammy
- Treasury Report: Beginning balance for March \$41,464.81 and Ending balance \$ 37,470.55

B. Fundraising and purchases for March:

- PTO purchased requested items for each grade level, "Buddy Bench" and picnic table for playground.
- Yogurt Beach day on March 21st brought in \$290
- Apex Fun Run profits to be discussed at next meeting as actual figures are still being determined. Goal was to raise \$40,000 to pay for P.E. Program and purchase much needed technology.

C. Upcoming Events:

Pizza Factory Night - Tuesday, April 30th from 4pm to 8pm. Family Night and horseshoes. (Flyer will go out 4/26. A percentage of all proceeds will be donated back to Alyce Taylor. Last event brought in \$400)

2nd Annual Craft Fair - Saturday May 4th, 2019 from 10am to 2pm Volunteers and bake sale items are needed. 25 vendors or more in cafeteria and surrounding hallways. We need to promote advertising on social media as well as have flyers hung around Spanish Springs area and at local businesses. Ex: SaveMart, Pack & Post, Pizza Factory ect..

Teacher / Staff Appreciation - May 6th - 10th :

Monday - Donuts and Coffee (Doughboys and Drips Coffee)

Tuesday - Stocking the teachers lounge fridge with healthy snacks. (Yogurt, Fruits, Cheese, Drinks etc..) We will also be purchasing the staff a "Cricket" for staff to share.

Wednesday - Pizza Party! PTO will order Costco pizzas and drinks.

Thursday - Ice Cream Party - PTO will provide ice cream, bowls, spoons, toppings etc.. Possibly have popcorn machine set up in teachers lounge as well.

Friday - Mr. Pickles catered lunch and cake. PTO will purchase personalized lunch box for each teacher. Still need to purchase decorations, tablecloths, ect..

Gators Day Out with the ACES May 19th - tickets are on sale now

D. PTO Vacancy and Nominations : Board Positions will be available for 2019/20 school year.

- President Rachel VerHoef and Treasurer Tammy Patlan will resign after this school year. President and Treasurer seats will be available. Secretary Angie Bowlin's term will be complete as of the end of school year as well.
- Nominating and Voting for new PTO board will take place next meeting on Monday May 6th, 2019. PTO board Nominations forms handed out to all attendees.

E. Principal Reports :

- 6th grade students are leaving Alyce Taylor next school year. Some 6th grade teachers will relocate to middle schools.
- Current expected student enrollment is 680. Allocation allows loss of Vice Principal position and gain of 1 half time Dean position. Jamie Schocko from Cold Springs Middle school will take over half time Dean position and Vice Principal Jason Shipman will be new Vice Principal at Sky Ranch Middle School.
- Alyce Taylor is currently has 1 kindergarten and 1 4th grade teacher positions available
- 4th grade students are currently taking SBAC testing
- 3rd grade teachers are requesting a lap cart for mobile classroom use
- Teachers and staff will be planning a farewell celebration for retiring and or leaving teachers
- Construction on front of school will continue through May or June. Single point entry to improve safety.

F. Open Forum / Questions :

- Business Sponsor Banners were thrown away when cafeteria was recently repainted. Originally purchased by PTO with commitment to display at Taylor with their \$250 Business Sponsor Membership dues. Need to be replaced! Possibly purchase one large banner to display in front of school. Vice President Heidi Capurro will be getting prices soon.
- Andrew Caudill - Board of Trustees present for meeting. He is the board of trustees member responsible for Spanish Springs area schools. Andrew is available for concerns or questions at ACaudill@washoeschhols.net His current projects include re zoning decisions being brought to WCSD board as well as improving projected enrollment numbers for Spanish Springs area schools. Projected VS actual student enrollment numbers are vastly different and need improvements in order to allow for appropriate allocations.
- School Savings program - Silver State Matching Grant program information and flyer shared. Full program information and online applications can be found at Nevada529.com Alyce Taylor is doing well in comparison to other participating Nevada school. Taylor currently has 44 students enrolled in savings program and has made 223 deposits totalling 2,568.01 this 2018/19 school year. On May 17th, State Treasurer Zach Conine will be visiting deposit day staff with media presence.. They will be conducting a essay writing and / or drawing contest for students with the theme "What I want to be when I grow up". Winners will receive a ribbon and amazon gift card. Parent Volunteers needed for school savings program. Volunteers will collect and deposit funds during lunch period time on designated deposit days.
- Parent question: Where do we currently stand with garden bed project? Rachel explained that we currently do not have teacher interest in maintaining garden beds. A gardening club or teacher/parent volunteer would be needed in order to resume care of school garden.
- Meeting Adjourned at 3:53 pm