

PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO meeting called to order Monday August 19th, 2019 at 3:15 p.m.
Alyce Taylor Elementary School, 252 Egyptian Drive, Sparks, NV 89441

President: Heidi Capurro - Present
Vice President: Heather Tuttle - Present
Principal / Co Vice President: Kate Austill - Present
Treasurer: Collette Zahniser - Present
Co-Treasurer: Kirsten Gilmore - Present
Secretary: Angie Bowlin - Present

- A. Introductions of board members and all attendees in meeting
- B. Approval of last meetings minutes presented by Angie Bowlin - Approved by Heidi and Heather
- C. Treasury Report - Beginning balance for July was \$55,810.68 and ending balance is \$53,351.89. Balance as of August 19th is \$30,857.16 - Gator gear, magnet calendars, P.E. program, playground upgrades and painting supplies were all purchased. See treasurer's report for more information.
- D. Gator Gear -
 - a. Wonderful Feedback from staff and parents thus far.
 - b. Kindergarten Ice Cream Social brought in \$1,088.56 in Gator Gear sales.
 - c. Heidi ordered more hats and will order gear as needed.
 - d. PTO will be keeping a detailed list of gear orders for reference in the future.
 - e. Gator gear will be sold at all school events (Bingo nights, Gator fest, Craft fair) as well as every Thursday after school in the PTO room located in the multipurpose room. Parents and staff can also contact PTO via the website or Facebook page to arrange gear orders also.
- E. PTO beginning of the year letter went home with students last Friday and will go home this Friday for Kindergarten students. Alyce Taylor calendar magnets will go home with all students this Friday on Gator folders.
- F. PTO Membership Drive -
 - a. Forms had to be reprinted and will go home Friday August 23rd.
 - b. Membership drive was scheduled to be August 16th through August 30th but with delay in printing we will begin the drive August 23rd and run one week and evaluate response and possibly extend the drive for an additional week to end September 6th.
 - c. Top two classrooms with the most paid PTO memberships will receive a pizza party and teacher will receive a \$25 gift card for participation and support.
- G. Back to school BBQ
 - a. Timeless Imagery generously donated 500 hot dogs and buns. PTO will fund the cost of chips, cookies, water bottles, condiments, and propane refills needed for BBQ.
 - b. Volunteers needed for grilling, selling raffle tickets, gator gear, help directing new families, ect..
- H. Volunteers needed throughout school year

- a. PTO intends to keep open communication and contact with families, volunteers and staff. Collette is composing a list of all interested and available volunteers to reference for future events and needs.

I. Gator garden -

- a. Parent volunteer Adrienne is interested in possibly rebuilding and maintaining garden. Volunteers are needed. More information to follow.

J. 2nd grade website subscription request - (Letter from Katie Lamaestra)

2nd grade teachers are requesting a website subscription for "Brainpop Jr." for \$175.00 approved for all 2nd grade teachers and classrooms to utilize.

K. Kindergarten concrete fundraising request -

Teachers are concerned about muddy dirt area on Kindergarten playground. Per Kate Austill we may need to consider a less expensive and easier option such as large river rocks that the students can step on to avoid slipping or falling into the mud during the wet months. Needs to be addressed soon, we will follow up with Scott and determined options and costs.

L. Purified Water Drinking Fountain (Heather Tuttle)

Heather is suggesting adding a purified water fountain that can be used by staff and students to fill reusable water bottles. It will cost approximately \$8,000 if installed by WCSD but other schools in the area have hired or received donated time and services from an outside general contractor to install. Fountain costs about \$1,400 to \$1,600 online and approximately \$50 per filter.

M. GatorFest - October 18th, 2019

- a. Timeless Imagery has been booked. Company returning from a planned trip in order to attend.
- b. What food trucks do we want to invite back or book? Considering Paisans and Stix and Strips.
- c. What activities do we want to have? Graveyard VS Haunted house need to follow up re: safety/security. Need more supervision and volunteers.
- d. We will book at least 2 face painters this year and possibly a balloon artist as well.
- e. Donations needed. Will cover more planning and preparation at September meeting.

N. Pizza Factory Give Back Nights-

Chase from Pizza Factory has generously agreed to host a "Taylor give back night" once per month. August 26th, September 9th, October 14th from 3:30pm to 8pm and will donate a percentage of all proceeds back to Alyce Taylor. November - March may be able to have Friday give back nights. April - June will return to Mondays. Awaiting owner approval. Flyers to be sent home with all students upon confirmation and listed on website.

O. Drips Coffee Dates and addition of A frames for advertisement - Owners Ken and Lynn kindly agreed to attend Taylor once per month on Mondays and dates listed on website.

P. Principal Reports (Kate) -

*Benchmark Advance is the new district curriculum - each classroom received 14 plus boxes of new teaching materials. Current enrollment is 666. We are missing our full time assistant principal and have a halftime dean Jamie Schocko. Kindergarten gained a 5th class awaiting teacher. Silva Wilson has taken the position of the literacy specialist. New 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Tresley from Virginia Palmer Elementary.

*Spell-a-thon starts soon and supports PBIS. Taylor has used profits to purchase a much needed new copy machine in the past. Taylor will also be having a spelling bee. Assembly and information is coming soon.

*ELA Curriculum is K-1st Bridges, 2-5 Invision. SBAC results show that Taylor did well with growth and preliminary results show a 5 star rating.

Meeting Adjourned - 4:11pm