

PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO meeting called to order Monday November 5th,, 2018 at 3:12 p.m.
Alyce Taylor Elementary School, 252 Egyptian Drive, Sparks, NV 89441

President: Rachel VerHoef - Present
Vice President: Heidi Capurro - Present
Principal / Co Vice President: Kate Austill - Present
Treasurer: Tammy Patlan - Present
Co-Treasurer: Louise Moore - Present
Secretary: Angie Bowlin - Present

A Introductory Items:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- October minutes approved by Rachel and Tammy.

2. Treasury Report- Beginning balance for October \$38,596.02 and ending balance \$51,765.88

- Additional donations/profits: Yogurt Beach day brought in \$263, Reno Aces (Greater NV credit union) donated \$1,000, and E-Script / E-Shares profits were \$1,880.

B. Gator Fest 2018 Profits / Feedback-

- Gator Fest profit was \$10,792.34 for 2018 as compared to \$10,805.02 for 2017 and \$515 total went back to teachers/classrooms for their donated silent auction items.
- Gator Fest was successful and very fun for most families. A few ideas for improvements in following years are as follows: Desperately need more adult volunteers, responsible teens, and or teachers present to ensure appropriate supervision. Clearer rules for games and line expectations to ensure children are not cutting lines and or pushing smaller children out of the way and playing safely and fair. Older children were being loud, disrespectful and destructive to school property and decor. Many decorations and equipment were damaged. Children need better parental supervision around dark areas and near expensive equipment. Recommendation to close D- Hall classrooms in the future unless very well supervised. Clearer explanation needed on wristbands. All children playing games are expected to have a wristband. Decision needed on whether participating parents and very young children/siblings require wristbands?
- Things that worked well: Gator Fest was successful financially. Raffle and silent auction were a huge success and well liked. Parents and teachers reported it as a very family fun event. Quad was more open and helped alleviate congestion. Haunted hallway had better flow and less congestion in main hallway than haunted house previously.
- Gator Fest profits are split 50% to teachers and 50% to PTO funds.

D. Guided Reading Books (Read by 3 books on agenda) -

- PTO has agreed to donate \$2,000 toward guided reading books for Alyce Taylor. Books to be ordered by Mrs. Cristologo and Mrs. Whalen.

E. Holiday Fundraising-

- Angel Tree - Unsure of current needs and waiting response from teachers and or school counselor.
- E-Script - Flyer to be sent home with students with information regarding E-Script and Amazon Smiles fundraising opportunities just in time for holiday shopping.

- Frosty Grams - Frosty Grams will contain a candy cane and can be purchased for \$1 each beginning December 10th. They will be delivered to classrooms on Dec. 14th and Dec. 20th.

F. Principal Reports- Mrs. Austill -

- Only 25 students are enrolled in the 529 College Savings program and has frequent deposit days.
- Climate Surveys being done by 5th and 6th grade soon. Student engagement survey with 61% participation for 2017.
- MAP testing will take place in December
- Current Enrollment - 778 students
- 6th grade moving to Shaw Middle school next school year. Shaw Principal and committee will hold a meeting on November 29th at 2:15 in the Shaw library to discuss the possibility of school uniforms. Need parent input to discuss pros/cons of uniforms.

F. Open Forum / Questions -

- Pizza Factory family nights - First date will be December 7th if available or if not December 6th as second option. VP Heidi Capurro to arrange and provide more information.
- December 13th - 1st grade BINGO - Santa will attend - Considering a 50/50 raffle. Raffle that gives 50% profits to winner and 50% profits to PTO as fundraising opportunity. (Mandee Kiersh).
- Seeking community members who want to give back? Paint games on black top and help get rid of wood chips on playground or provide any playground upgrades.

- Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.