

PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO meeting called to order Monday November 4th, 2019 at 3:10 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. Approval of last meetings minutes presented by Angie Bowlin - Approved by Heidi and Heather

B. Budget and Treasury Report - October beginning balance is \$43,036.19 and ending balance is \$51,073.95

C. Gatorfest - Overall successful fundraising event however still awaiting final numbers and profits. Final numbers and teacher split will be presented at December PTO meeting.

D. Boo Grams -

- a. Profits were approximately \$1,200 - 42 Boo Grams were donated to children who had not received one or that teachers felt deserved and would not otherwise receive one.
- b. Frosty Grams will be sold December 9th through December 19th instead of previously scheduled date of 12/16 through 12/19. 2 week sales at lunch and after school contributed to boo grams successful sales and will be continued for frosty grams. Many mini candy canes are left from last year.

E. Kindergarten Playground - Home Depot has agreed to generously donate concrete needed for concrete slab on kindergarten playground.

F. Kindergarten IPAD request -

Kindergarten has requested PTO to purchase the grade level 10 IPAD's. The approximate cost for these would be \$3,000. PTO plans to meet with and evaluate all grade level needs prior to approval.

G. Tool Donation for Janitors-

Heather presented that Taylor janitors were generously donated screwdrivers with hand designed wooden handles. Donor to remain anonymous.

H. 3rd Grade AR Reading Program Prize Requests -

3rd grade teachers would like AR reading program prize donations. PTO will follow up after receiving all grade level requests and evaluating what PTO is able to afford to assist with.

I. Mrs Walters Music Instrument request - Mrs. Walters music teacher is requesting new music instruments for music room to be used by all Taylor students. Items requested include Kinder Xylophone mallets, Kinder bass Xylophone, Kinder bass Metallophone, Flex-a-tone, castanets, rhythm works temple blocks, deluxe triangles, thunder tubes, egg shakers, kinder glockenspiel mallets, and pre tuned hand drums. President Heidi and Vice President Heather move to approve purchase of requested items. Heidi

proposed that in the future we will use Pizza Factory Give Back night profits to assist with funding needs of specials such as music, library, computers, PE etc..

J. AR Program - AR program needs to be purchased and Walmart grant has yet to be approved. Grant requests typically take at least 6-8 weeks for approval. Heidi to follow up. If needed PTO will pay for AR program.

K. December Bingo - December bingo will no longer be hosted by 1st grade and will be a Pancakes and PJ's themed bingo hosted by 2nd grade teachers. December bingo will still take place on Thursday, December 12th.

L. Reno Aces Date- Alyce Taylor's day at the Reno Ace's game will be held on Sunday, May 17th, 2020.

M. Drips Coffee Truck - Last months profit was \$20. Next Drips Coffee Truck date is November 25th, 2019.

N. Pizza Factory - Last months profit was \$217. Next Giveback night is November 22nd. Heidi proposed that we use some of give back night profits for specials at Taylor. (Music, Computers, Library, P.E.)

O. Holiday Drop Off Night - PTO will not be hosting a parent holiday drop off night in December. It was cancelled by Kate due to December being a short month and Bingo fundraising event. PTO to consider next year.

P. Holiday Shopping Flyer to go out before Black Friday / Cyber Monday - PTO would like to remind parents shopping through Amazon Smiles at smile.amazon.com and to choose Alyce Taylor PTO as a charity and the school can be donated a percentage back of money spent.

Q. Angel Tree / Turkeys-

- a. Turkeys not needed this year per Mrs. Rogers
- b. Angel Tree will be set up in the main office again for parents and staff to choose items to donate to students in need. PTO will sponsor 2 families or assist with purchasing what is still needed.
- c.

R. February Dance - PTO would like to revisit the item of a school dance in February. PTO plans to email staff on suggestions and ideas on having a February dance. (Example: Sock Hop) Mande K. recommended having a parent drop off night in February to allow parents a date night. PTO will bring this item back to the agenda and revisit before February.

S. Principal Reports - Per Kate Austill - Gatorfest was amazing and a great success! Kate received a lot of positive feedback from students, including the creepy haunted house. Rezoning Letters have been mailed to families in the Eagle Canyon area that will be rezoned to Jesse Hall Elementary in 2020- 2021 school year. Rezoning should result in less crowded classrooms as construction and growth continues in the Spanish Springs area. Projected student count is 570 for next school year. Taylor has hired a new CLS teacher that is expected to start next week.

T. Open Forum/Questions-

- 1st grade Raz Kids request - Total will be \$500 for the whole first grade level (\$100 per class). Approval pending evaluation of all grade level needs and requests.

- Water Fountains will be generously donated by Whiting - Turner. They will donate the fountains and labor.
- 2020 Gatorfest will be October 23rd pending approval by Kate Austill. Vendors will be booked as far in advance as possible. We will begin collecting donations and attempting to get items sponsored earlier next year. (Ex: Rock wall, DJ, face painter, obstacle course etc..)
- Kirsten inquired about recording PTO meetings on Facebook Live and posting to Facebook and website for parents unable to attend. Majority of PTO board voted against posting meeting on social media and prefer to upload meeting minutes or encourage attendance.

U. Meeting Adjourned at 4:06pm

Message from our President : "Thank you to all the staff, PTO members, parents, volunteers, for all your help during Gatorfest. It was such a great event and everyone helped out so much. Thank you so much!"