

## PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO meeting called to order Monday October 8th, 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: Vacant  
Secretary: Angie Bowlin - Present

### A. Introductory Items:

- Approval of minutes - (Angie Bowlin) September minutes approved by Tammy and Rachel
- Treasury Report - (Tammy Patlan) Beginning Balance: \$35,538.93 and Ending Balance \$38,596.02 Gator Gear profit at \$ 2,767.96 per Rachel shirts order to be delivered this week

### B. Read by 3 Books:

- Mrs. Crisologo and Mrs. Whalen - Would like financial assistance from PTO to help purchase Rigby's guided reading books. These guided reading books provide the students with the foundational skills needed to excel in reading and ensure students are meeting their grade level expectations. They are to be used to ensure Alyce Taylor students meet "Read by 3" or "Nevada kids read" state standards. The books are both informational and fictional. There is a significant need for the books and not enough books available for current number of teachers and or students. The books are not provided by the school district and grants for these book sets are difficult to obtain. These books are primarily used by 1st grade students but will be available in the school library for Kindergarten through 3rd grade students. Books are used for in class instruction and not taken home by students. PTO will consider providing a portion of the needed funding but will follow up with Mrs. Crisologo after determination of where the funds will come from and approved amount. Vice President Heidi Capurro would like to attempt to get the funds donated or sponsored if possible.

### C. Co- Treasurer Chair:

- Louise Moore will be voted in to vacant Co Treasurer chair. Voted in by Rachel, Tammy and unanimous vote by raise of hands.

### D. Give Back Family Nights:

- Heidi confirmed that Pizza Factory has agreed to give back 25% of all sales back to Alyce Taylor during "Family Nights at Pizza Factory" 2 or 3 times per school year. Pizza Factory also donated a \$25 gift card to be given for the first quarterly raffle.

### E. Quarterly Raffle Winner:

- The first quarterly raffle winners are Dawn and Art Guyon - Parents of student Tristan Guyon - The prize will include a gift basket from Andelin Family Farms. Basket includes 4 admissions into Andelin Family Farms pumpkin patch, a pumpkin, a homemade jam and honey sticks as well as a \$25 gift card to Pizza Factory.

#### F. Gator Fest:

- A hall to be opened up for trick or treating.
- Library will be used as a pumpkin patch. Pumpkins to be donated by Save Mart and possibly Silver Valley Farm? (To be determined)
- Cake Walk will take place in the music room again this year- Donations of baked goods needed. Baked goods are to be dropped off no sooner than October 18th as we have limited storage available.
- Boy Scouts will be present and set up an activity in a classroom.
- "Mummify a teacher" and "Pie Face" games will need teacher volunteers and sign ups.
- Gator Fest will include a photo booth again this year. A rock wall was donated by the Stephan Family, an obstacle course was donated by Jiffy Lube, 3 flood lights are going to be donated by Granite Construction.
- New dessert food truck "Waffle Wagon" to be present at Gator Fest this year.

#### G. Principal Reports:

- 5th grade students will be relocating to middle school next school year. Many of our areas elementary schools will be relocating 6th grade students to middle schools to create needed space and accommodate overcrowded schools. Rezoning changes are being considered and determined at a district level.

#### H. Open Forum/Questions:

- Parent Heather Tuttle wanted PTO to readdress need for new technology at Alyce Taylor. She reports that she has witnessed first hand that the students do not have sufficient computers available for learning and or testing. Would like PTO to consider technology needs before playground updates that were previously discussed. Per Principal Kate Austill new laptop carts are needed. Quote for 30 laptops is approximately \$20,000 and not provided by the school district. Must obtain district approved laptop computers and carts only. A grant is needed to provide necessary funding. Need to assemble a "grant writing committee" in hopes of receiving a grant to assist with obtaining new and necessary technology needed by the students. Kate will retrieve and provide Washoe County school district grant guidelines and criteria.
- Business sponsor names need to be submitted to Heidi Capurro by October 11th, 2018 in order to be printed on the banner.

#### I. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm