

PTO Meeting Minutes

PTO meeting called to order Monday September 9th, 2019 at 3:13 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. Treasury Report - Presented by Collette

- a. Beginning of August was \$53,351.89 and Ending balance was \$41,317.54

C. Kindergarten Playground Updates-

- a. A quick fix would be rock to fill in muddy areas but a more long term solution would be to concrete the area. Concrete would be more expensive and requires approval through Washoe County School District. We need to follow up with head custodian Scott on square footage of the muddy area to determine cost as well as the best possible solution prior to the wet weather and during this 2019-2020 school year.

D. Playground Ball Wall -

- a. PTO asked the 4th and 5th grade classes to vote on the art that will be displayed on the ball wall for the upper grade playground and the two winning themes were Sports and Pyramid Lake. Per Kirsten G. Painting will take place soon.

E. PTO membership drive-

- a. Total estimated profit is \$5,830! 2017 was \$2,803. We had redesigned the form and created the business memberships and included gator wristband packages as well as tiered memberships, etc.. In 2018 we brought in a total of \$6,460 so we are down \$630 for this school year, we did however lose an entire grade level so percentage wise we are very close to our prior years profit. PTO is so appreciative of all our incredible gator families.
- b. The top classes that won the class pizza parties are Ms. Pollock and Mrs. Gustafson. In addition, both teachers will receive a \$25 gift card of their choice. We had other classrooms that were 1-3% behind so great participation by many.
- c. Envelopes- There were a few small errors and we have taken notes to adjust for next school year and we will consider adding a credit card option next year. (We will be charged a 3% fee on card charges).
- d. Heidi is reaching out to all the business sponsors this week to get their logos so we can get them added to the facebook page, website, newsletter and banners asap.
- e. Volunteer support response was overwhelmingly great and we are so excited to reach out, involve and get help with all the different fun events throughout the school year.

F. Staff Appreciation and Discount Day -

- a. Friday September 13th, 2019 during teacher lunch hours PTO will BBQ. We will have hot dogs (left over from Back to school BBQ) chips, and watermelon. Volunteer Val to BBQ.
- b. Gator gear will be sold at a discounted rate to all staff for one day only.

G. Dance -

- a. Spanish Springs Elementary has done dances in the past. We may want to consider a Mother/Son, Father/Daughter, winter ball, or Valentine's dance. Kate recommended to have it in January as the calendar may be able to accommodate it then. Mrs. Cristologo recommended a tea party and dance. The dance suggestion will remain on the agenda for further consideration and planning.

H. Gator Garden -

- a. We had several people interested in recreating the gator garden this spring. We will create a sub committee and chairman to meet and discuss options. We will consider requesting seed donations or supplies from Home Depot.
- b. A parent Adrienne is interested in leading the project and will plan a meeting soon.

I. Spelling Bee-

Taylor is having its first annual spelling bee and is requesting T shirt donations for 1 winner per grade level. Each class will have 2 children compete in the spelling bee.

J. Gatorfest -

- a. Paisians food truck has been confirmed. We are awaiting a response from Stix and Strips. We will also be inviting Drips Coffee truck this year. With being a grade level less, we will not invite more trucks to keep business profitable as we know these trucks are already willing to donate a percentage back to Taylor.
- b. Candy and Prize Donations are needed. We will be seeking any and all donations from families and businesses to be used for classroom games.
- c. Outdoor activities- We will be looking to hire a DJ, bounce house or obstacle course, and rock wall.
- d. Lighting- Heidi has reached out to Granite Construction Company again in hopes of getting the lights donated. She is awaiting a call back.
- e. DJ- Heidi will be contacting DJ on their availability.
- f. Haunted House- Meeting attendees agreed to keeping the Spooky graveyard in side yard and bringing the haunted house back in the library.
- g. Raffle and Silent Auction- PTO needs to get donations as soon as possible.

K. First "Pizza Factory Give Back Night" is tonight. Please go support using dine in, take out or delivery from 4 to 8pm.

L. Principal Reports- Kate Austill

As of today, Taylor is at 670 students. We gained one kindergarten teacher. Alyce Taylor has officially received a 5 star rating. We are proud of our Taylor community, teachers, students and parents. It takes a village and it is an honor to be the Principal at Taylor. Next Monday after school will be a tentative Gatorfest meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 3:55pm

