



General Meeting Minutes September 12, 2017

I. Call to Order & Introduction of Members

- PTO President, Amy Bower called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.
- Present were members: Mary Taylor, Rebecca Vandever, Amy Bower, Erin Barron, Shanni Weidl, Brie Chambers, Amanda Beltz, Iris Alanyali, Kate Arrington, Colleen Durkee, Christian Paalus, Wendy Walcott Butler, Vanessa Williams, Lysa Yarko, Julie Mock, Mike Faccinetto, Kelly Stewart, Monrel, Gloria Taylor, Liz Alogna, Kumari Ghafoor- Davis, Kaisha Malsany, Sara Collins

II. Principal's Report

- Talked about the PTO Budget and what was added for this year. Spoke about the line item of school rewards in the treasurer report. School rewards is from Giant, Target, Red Robins that the school received. The PTO didn't raise the money we are housing it.
- Busy summer for BASD. Nitchman is finished and destructing the old building. East Hills HVAC was redone.
- Other big project this summer is chrome books. Right before school started BASD got chrome books for our school. Every class K through 2 has 6 chrome books in their classrooms for the new wonders program. Grades 3 to 5 every child has a chrome book. We were also given chrome charts. There are 10 in life skills, special Ed, Library and we also have chrome boxes. We went from have 200 to 370 chrome books in our school. The PTO was originally going to buy \$10,000 worth of chrome books with the special projects money we raised, but now we don't have to and now we will have to figure out what we are going to use the \$11,000 special project funds for. Mr. Smith has an idea and will be presenting at a later meeting.
- New reading series in 1st grade. New initiative...every child at reading level by the end of 3rd grade. Kindergarten is at 93% efficient by the end of last year. K, 1 & 2 have new material and training. Grades 3,4, 5 will be getting new material next year. Wonders K-5, Right now we have the K-2 Wonders program..
- About a month before school Spring Garden had 480 students enrolled. We are now at 534 students enrolled. That is certainly a huge influx of students. We gained 50 kids within the last month. Spring Garden is now the largest elementary school of all of BASD.
- A Parent raised a concern for the class numbers in the 4th grade. Mr. Smith said that the school district is very aware and are keeping an eye on the numbers. If the numbers get to a certain point there may be an added class.
- So far so good on the drop off zone. In 2 weeks Mr. Smith will be sending out a call for parent feedback.
- Any issues or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Smith.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in account is \$47,862.92
- Breakdown:
 - Operating Cash for this year: \$29,479.02
 - Contingency \$5,000.00
 - Special Projects: \$11,121.17
 - Funds raised for next year's budget: 0.00
 - School Rewards: \$2,262.72
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IV. Minutes

- Minutes from May were not present at meeting.

V. August Committee Reports

- **Kindergarten Play Date** Lisa Assad – lisaassad@yahoo.com
We have a new co-chair- Sarah Collins who is helping Lisa Assad this year. We hosted 4 Kindergarten classes this year. New students got a tour of our school, met teachers and played in the playground and had a snack. There was a little confusion on the time. Some kindergarteners came early. Which, worked out better. The kids broke the ice first by playing in the playground before going to their classrooms to meet their new teacher. Thank you to parents, volunteers and students who helped during the play date.
- **Box Tops – Julie Mock –** lahey383@hotmail.com
We received our check from last year it was over \$1,500. More information will be coming out in the next week regarding box tops, monthly contests and when to submit them. Julie will send a reminder email to push the box tops in January and April. Shanni will sent out a monthly reminder on the box tops on list serv.
- **PAC Report – Kumari Gnafoor-Davis** coachkumari@gmail.com and **Scott Reynolds** sbreyolds48@hotmail.com,
Next meeting is September 28th. Will present report at October's PTO meeting.

VI. September/October Volunteer Opportunities

- **Room Parents – Tina Piscitello –** tlp3672@gmail.com
If you're interested in becoming a room parent you will be in charge of working with other parents to coordinate the class parties. Fill out the yellow form in the rainbow packet if interested. The list will then be sent to the teachers and the teacher will pick the room parents. You will be notified if you have been chosen. The Room parent meeting is mandatory and is on October 2nd at 7pm.
- **Spring Gardeners – Amanda Beltz –** beltza@ptd.net
Fall Clean-Up is Saturday, September 23rd 10am to 12pm, rake out leaves, plant mums, clean up.
- **Ram-A-Thon –Amy Bower –** alichnie@rcn.com,

September 29th – rain date is the following Friday, October 6th. This is the first fundraiser for the school year. Children will spend 30 minutes walking around the school to raise money for the school. They will get exercise, water and a snack. If you are interested in volunteering, more information will be sent out shortly. Please Note: Clearances need to be done in order to volunteer. Will asking for donations of water and pretzels as well.

VII. Upcoming Dates

- Room Parents Meeting is October 2nd at 7pm
- Picture Day is October 4th will be asking for a handful volunteers.
- Spirit Wear sale is October 24th through November 8th Spirit Wear – Val Sloma – valsloma@gmail.com. This is not a fundraiser. This is just a service that the PTO provides so parents and students can have Spring Garden attire.

VIII. Old Business

- No old business

IX. New Business

- **Open 2017-2018 PTO Chair Positions**
School Store – We need a chair person for School store. Tasks include: ordering supplies and organizing a schedule. Please contact the PTO Board or Spring Garden email if interested.
- We are also promoting co-chairs for all positions this year. If you are interested in helping on any position please let us know. All chair people would love to have help. An Info pack will be sent home listing all of the positions.
- **2017-2018 PTO Budget**
The PTO is asking to vote to pass the 2017-2018 Budget. Chris Paulus made a motion to pass the 2017-2018 budget. Kumari Davis seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Rainbow/Info Packet**
A PTO packet was sent home. Please fill out and send back to the school.
- **Library**
We have a new librarian. She would like help shelving books. Anyone interested in helping we will give the info to Mrs. Jones and she will contact you. Email Spring Garden PTO if you are interested. Also need clearances.

X. Miscellaneous/Announcements

- **Shout Outs**
 - A new kindergarten mom wanted to say that they really liked the kindergarten playdate.
 - Mr. Smith would like to Thank Scott Bess from IT– for making the chrome books happen for Spring Garden
 - Iris Alanyali would like thank Mr. Smith for everything he does to make Spring Garden a wonderful school for her child.

XI. Adjournment

President Amy Bower adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Next PTO Meeting in October 10th at 7:00 pm.