

**Patterson PTA
General Meeting
Agenda
January 15, 2015**

Present: Elaine Stecklein, Colleen Garrison, Liz Lawrence, Becky Swartz, Holly Duck, Danielle Minnerick, Michele Frost, Julie Mitchell, Susan Stumbaugh (guest), Laura Remack, Rakhee Raveendran, Erin Sulkin, Holly Morlock, Sarah McGinnis, Karen Young, Emily Dobry, Loredana Yamanda

I. **Call to Order** ~ Elaine Stecklein called the meeting to order at 9:33

II. **Guest Speaker ~ Susan Stumbaugh, School Outreach Librarian, Naperville Public Library**

Ms. Stumbaugh talked about the library website and downloadable books/ catalog. The website is Naperville-lib.org. If the book icon is gray as opposed to black that mean the book is not available. There are a lot of children's books. There is a menu on the left; choose "Juvenile Fiction" when searching. To check out on a device download the free App: Overdrive media console and have your library card on hand. E-books can be put on hold. Each library card can check out a maximum of 15 books. This is a good tool to help students learn to read "online" and ready for PARCC testing.

Mrs. Susan Debrodt: Handout with login information and eBook formats was reviewed. Patterson owns a few overdrive books.

Patterson Young Authors program has been announced. Due date is a few days after President's Day. Information is on the Patterson ListServ.

We have an author visiting the school next Friday. James Riley will be here at 2:30 on Friday 1/23/15.

III. **Approval of November 6, 2014 General Meeting Minutes**

Minutes filed as written.

IV. **Principal's Report ~ Michele Frost**

5 Essentials Survey – the state administers this each year and it is part of the school report card. Please make time to complete this by the end of February. 20% completion is required. Last year about 40% of parents participated. There are computers available at the school in the LMC as well.

Report cards go live next Thursday. They will be available after 4:00 on the Home Access Center.

CBM's are occurring over the next few weeks.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will have PARCC tutorials to get them ready for the test.

IV. **President's Report ~ Elaine Stecklein**

- Superintendent Sullivan is coming to the February 15,2015 PTA meeting

We need to send her some questions/topics for discussion. So far we have SB16, technology, air conditioning, class room size. Email Elaine with ideas/suggestions by Wednesday 1/28/15.

At the February meeting we will need to elect a nominating committee. March the slate is presented and election is in April.

PTA gift to the school: The library really needs new furniture! The handout shows the modular design for the library of the future. The new furniture will be on wheels and facilitate large and small group work. Three will be 5 child size durable pieces of furniture with a life time guarantee. Seats 20-25 students. There will be refills for the beanbag chairs as well funded by the Book Fair. The cost is \$5071.00

A motion was made by Emily Dobry to pay \$5071.00 The motion was seconded. The motion was unanimously carried. The furniture should arrive before the end of the school year.

V. **Treasurer's Report ~ Becky Swartz**

Becky handed out a current version of the PTA Budget. Highlights: Apparel income: \$242.00, Box tops income: \$2057.50 and another check is coming, the next time they are sent in is March. Butter Braids sale – profit of \$1200 thanks to Susie Schwinn. \$25,541 is how much the PTA has brought in this year which is already over the projected \$22,000. Classroom enrichment is done – 27 teachers got \$75 for their class rooms. \$5100 check went out for Field Trips. Kick's Chicken made \$140.00. Chipotle will likely bring in about \$500. We have some money to roll forward for next year.

VII. **Vice Presidents Reports**

- **Finance/Fund Raising** ~ Danielle Minnerick
 - ~ Traverso's restaurant night is January 27
 - ~ Airtastic – Friday, February 27, is 50-50 day.
 - ~ Square One Art
- **Administrative/Service** ~ Colleen Garrison
 - ~ Valentines Party is coming up Feb. 13
 - volunteers please come in at check in time (not before)
 - ~ Sock Hop – Maureen Stack is the chair she may be contacted if there are questions or more people interested in volunteering.
 - ~ Year book forms are coming out soon.
 - ~ There will be a one page addendum to the Patterson Directory coming out.
- **Enrichment/Social** ~ Liz Lawrence
 - ~ Monday the 26th is STEM Academy Day
 - Classes have been added.
 - ~ Science Fair is in April

~ Variety Show – deadline today (1/15) – the show is Feb. 20 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business/ Open Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.