

**Patterson PTA
General Meeting
Minutes
March 11, 2014**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting participants included: Michelle Bassi, Becky Swartz, Elaine Stecklein, Maura Finnerty, Michele Frost, Julie Mitchell, Karen Young, Rita Malloy, Alissa Chrisos, Karla Kovarik, Emily Dobry, Julie Heitman, Loredana Yamada, Becky Pantano, Melanie Mickels, Justin Karubas, Jenn Cole, Holly Morlock, Vicky Ehrlicher, Dipali Shah and Xuefei Han.

II. Approval of February 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

With a motion from Becky Pantano and a second from Holly Morlock, the February minutes were approved.

III. Presentation on Common Core Mathematics

Allison Landstrom and Jeane Buishas from IPSD district offices provided information about the implementation of the Common Core mathematics program. It was noted that the program strives for a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts with greater understanding of these concepts across grade levels. Emphasis is placed on application to real world skills. Discussion was focused on the variety of resources available to children and stressed that there are multiple ways to learn math. Mrs. Frost noted that information regarding online resources for elementary school mathematics was placed on List Serve earlier in the week.

IV. Principal's Report

Michele Frost reported on the following items:

- The Wonder book study group will be having its second meeting and that t-shirts of the book's cover can be ordered.
- A team of school staff and students is being organized to run the Naperville Glow 5K in June. The deadline for signing up to participate is the end of March.
- Report cards for third quarter will be available the Friday before spring break. Parents were reminded that the information will start to be available online after 4:00 p.m.
- The kindergarten orientation meeting went well. It appears that will be enough new students to have three kindergarten classes next year.
- It was noted that 5th grade parents will be receiving requests for residency documentation in the mail in the next week. This documentation is needed for registering for middle school.

V. President's Report

Michelle Bassi reported on the following items:

- IPSD has announced the establishment of the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School at Aurora University. Fifty students from District 204 will be selected by an application lottery. The school opens next August and will serve grades 3-8. Allison Sherman from District 204 has been appointed as the school's director.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Becky Swartz reported on the following:

- Based on current revenues there will be sufficient funds to cover program costs for the remainder of the year.
- Restaurant fundraising has submitted \$200 from Jet Pizza and \$310 from Traversos. Revenues from the Chipolte night have not yet been received.

VII. Vice Presidents Reports

- Finance/Fund Raising – Though Danielle Minnerick was not present to make a report, it was noted that the PTA board is beginning to look at new ways to raise funds for next school year.
- Administrative/Service – Elaine Stecklein reported on the following:
 1. Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 5th thru May 9th
 2. Yearbook orders are currently being taken.
 3. Planning for Field Day is underway. The souvenir will be a collapsible water bottle.
- Enrichment/Social – the following items were noted:
 1. The variety show will be on Friday, April 11 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. There are 50 acts and Patterson staff is scheduled to emcee the event. Staff will also be selling refreshments and proceeds from these sales will be applied to a new sound system for the gym.
 2. Over 200 students participated in the Six Flags reading program and Ozzie's Kane County Cougars reading program. It was noted that the Patterson chorus will be singing at the April 26th baseball game.
 3. Efforts by the Community Service Committee to collect toiletries and snacks for overseas troops are underway.
 4. The STEM Academy Day is scheduled for April 25th. Details are being finalized and class sign-up sheets will be distributed to students in the next few weeks.

VIII. Old Business

- Nominating Committee
 1. The nominating committee presented its recommended slate of candidates for the 2014-15 school year. Karen Young, the committee chairman, reported that the following individuals are to be considered: Elaine Stecklein for president, Colleen Garrison for vice president of administration, Liz Lawrence for vice president of enrichment, Danielle Minnerick for vice president of finance, Becky Swartz for treasurer and Holly Duck for secretary. The election for next year's board will be held at the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.