

Patterson PTA
General Meeting

Minutes

March 12, 2015

Present: Elaine Stecklein, Colleen Garrison, Becky Swartz, Liz Lawrence, Holly Duck, Danielle Minnerick, Julie Mitchell. Michele Frost, Emily Dobry, Denise Schalliol, Julie Heitmann, Rita Malloy, Jorie Snyder, Loredana Yamada, Alissa Chrisos, Jennifer Cole, Rakhee Raveendhan, Becky Pantano, Gretchen Greever, Xuefei Han, Liz Beutel, Dina Garabedian, Gira Rajan, Sarah McGinnis, Natasha Ditoro.

- I. **Call to Order** ~ the meeting was called to order at 9:37a.m. by Elaine Stecklein.
- II. **Approval of February 2015 General Meeting Minutes** ~ filed as written.
- III. **Principal's Report** ~ Michele Frost

Air conditioning is being installed right now! The School Board approved air conditioning for a percentage of each school without air. They look really nice. There are three on the first floor and two on the second floor. We did not get to pick the rooms. We can, however, add on as the School Board determines there are available funds for this project.

5 Essentials Survey –we met our quota. Thanks to everyone.

Plunge into Fitness – if it is completed the student(s) get a ticket to Raging Waves Water Park. Forms are due April 13.

IPEF run is going on again this year – two staff members are running.

The Glow 5K will have a Patterson team again this year. Starts at 8:15p.m. Saturday June 6 at 5th Avenue Station. Some people walk. It's a fun, family event with a band and ice cream, pizza, etc.

Last day of school is set by the School Board. We will not ever add more than five emergency days. So far, we've added three days.

The 5th grade celebration is always going to be on the last day of school since the last day is now always going to be a full day of school. The trolley will come out and give fifth grade classes a ride through the neighborhood.

The 2nd grade musical is Wednesday March 25.

The Wheel of Wisdom is Thursday March 26 (last day of school before Spring Break).

Friday March 27 is School Improvement Day

PARCC testing; it's a state required test. The technology has been working very well. Next round of testing is in May.

Please submit residency requirement paperwork to the office.

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

IPPC meeting is next week

Naperville has elections for the School Board on April 7. There are 4 candidates running for 3 positions.

Residency verification – residence will have to be verified twice at each level (elementary, middle, high school.)

Wheel of Wisdom is 2 weeks from today

We have 2 more meetings – we welcome ideas for guest speakers.

The Spirit Council is collecting for Leukemia – the Thursday before Spring Break is the last day to turn in money. The class with the most money wins an Olive Garden pasta party.

V. Treasurer's Report ~ Becky Swartz

Budget distributed for review

VI. Vice President's Reports

- Finance/Fund Raising ~ Danielle Minnerick
Airtastic fundraiser did not go well.
Chipotle night should be coming in April
Square One Art is coming up as well.
Box tops – we need them! Last year we collected 55,000 – this year we are at 22,000.
Volunteer positions in Membership, Box tops, Square One Art and Pictures with Pete and Summer Bridge Books are opening up.
- Administrative / Services ~ Colleen Garrison
Yearbook orders were taken in February – Julie Gleason sent confirmation emails.
Teacher appreciation is coming up – Holly Morlock will send emails to the liaisons who will then send them to the parents. Natasha Ditoro booked a barista for the teachers – smoothies, coffee, tea will be offered.
Field Day is coming up – we are looking for volunteers.
- Enrichment/ Social ~ Liz Lawrence
Science Fair is April 22 – 100+kids have signed up – it's from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
This is the same day as the Book Fair – they will stay open late on April 22.
Donuts with Dad is also Wednesday April 22(last names A-L) and Thursday April 23 (M-Z). There are opportunities to volunteer/donate/ help serve.
April 19 is Movies with Mom. This is not a fund raiser just a fun family event.
Staff are welcome as well. The Deadline for sign up is March 23.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business / Open Discussion

Nominating Committee slate of PTA Executive Officers presented: (see attached). Elections will occur in April.

Doodle for Google – this online art competition that occurs in September was suggested as possible Patterson activity.

Spelling Bee was suggested as possible Patterson activity.

Fund raising was discussed.

Do teachers have to be present for club meetings? Yes, if it's a school sponsored event.

Art Awareness – A lengthy discussion was held regarding the cancelation of Art Awareness. PTA Board explained that this decision occurred after years of deliberation. Parents expressed disappointment for kids who are artistic and asked many questions about the decision process. Several suggestions were made regarding ways to supplement art at Patterson including an Art Club that could be run similar to the Brown Baggers Book Bunch, an Art Fair similar to Science Fair and incorporating elements of Art into STEM enrichment activities (STEAM).

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.