

**Patterson PTA
General Meeting
Minutes
September 17, 2013**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Meeting participants included: Michelle Bassi, Becky Swartz, Danielle Minnerick, Jennifer Beason, Maura Finnerty, Michelle Frost, Mindy Evertt, Julie Mitchell, Donna Widman, Pam Blanchard, Elaine Stecklein, Ghousoun Gharib, Robyn Rippel, Jen Olah, Melanie Aznavorian, Jorie Snyder, Rita Malloy, Emily Dobry, Gira Rajan, Holly Morlock, Laura Remack, U-Jung Choc, Laura Barreto, Tonya Baut, Tracy Tuggle, Denise Schalliel, Janet Juarez, Lisa Pearce.

II. Approval of May 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

With a motion from Donna Widman and a second from Rita Malloy, the minutes of the May 14, 2013 general meeting were approved.

III. Principal's Report

Mrs. Frost reported on the following items:

- PTA general meetings will be held in Room 107 in the future. This room is also the location of the parent resource library that the school is developing.
- The “fill the bucket” program that the school is utilizing to help students make wise choices.
- Curriculum night has been rescheduled to September 18, 2013 at 6:30.
- Parent University is tentatively scheduled for October 2 and courses will be offered on the following subjects: Common Core standards, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) and the use of EdLine.
- New security procedures for entering Patterson will be implemented in October. Visitors will need to check into the office and leave their driver’s licenses while in the building.
- Naperville police officers were at school this morning monitoring the use of cell phones in the drop-off lines. They will be doing an educational program and then an enforcement program in the coming weeks regarding the illegal use of cell phones in active school zones.

IV. President’s Report

Michelle Bassi reported on the following items:

- School picture day has been rescheduled for October 7, 2013.

- Michelle and Carrie Wagner have been appointed to the District's heat committee to evaluate ways in which to deal with the heat and school buildings that lack air conditioning. Their first meeting is September 18th.
- Maura Finnerty provided an overview of the process that the PTA Executive Board is using to fill the position of treasurer. The position needs to be filled because Jennifer Beason, the current PTA treasurer is moving out of state.

V. Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Beason provided reports on the following items

- 2012-2013 Audit Report – Jennifer explained the audit process and reviewed the Audit Committee's report that found the PTA financial records to be in order. With a motion from Lisa Pearce and second from Emily Dobry the 2012-13 Audit Report was approved.
- 2013-14 Budget Approval- Jennifer reviewed the proposed budget for this school year noting additional funds were added to implement the new STEM program this year. A question was raised as to how the Prairie Dog Lunch Card is reimbursed. There was also some discussion on how the revenues raised from Patterson Palooza will determine the scope of this year's programs. With a motion from Jennifer Beason and a second from Gira Rajan, the 2013-14 PTA budget was approved.

VI. Vice Presidents Reports

- Finance/Fund Raising – Danielle Minnerick reported on the following items:
 1. The first restaurant night fundraiser was held on September 16th at Yogurt Beach.
 2. Orders for Patterson Spirit Wear have been placed with Boomers and should be delivered in the next few weeks.
 3. The PTA membership drive has been successful raising \$3,103 to date. Membership is ongoing and Danielle reminded everyone to make sure their membership is current especially if individuals are planning to help out with the fall room parties.
 4. An update on Patterson Palooza was provided by Donna Widman. She noted that she still needs volunteers to help with set-up and donations are still being accepted for the silent auction. Pre-order ticket forms will be going out soon. The teachers will be doing a "Minute to Win It" program. She noted that many other schools are also doing fall festivals making it harder to get donations.
 5. Danielle described a fund raising program that the Board is considering. Called 4SquareArt, this program uses individual student art. Laura Barreto volunteered to coordinate this program.
- Administrative/Service – Becky Swartz reported on the following items:

1. A meeting for room party parents will be held on September 26, 2013 at 9:30. A few classes still need parents to organize the fall, winter and Valentine parties.
 2. Greeter Desk volunteers are still needed.
 3. Volunteers to serve as the Yearbook Committee have been successfully recruited. The committee is now looking for individuals interested in serving as classroom photographers.
 4. The School Supply Kits program went well and approximately \$1,000 dollars was made from the program.
- Enrichment/Social - there was nothing to report.

VII. Old Business

No items were discussed.

VIII. New Business

A presentation about the STEM program was given by Emily Dobry. She explained that the program has three components: a science fair that will be held in February; a STEM academy day in the spring where parent volunteers will give hands-on science classes that all grade levels will have an opportunity to attend, and identification of field trip opportunities that will enhance the science curriculum. Emily explained that she and Gira Rajan, the co-chairmen of the STEM committee have been working closely with the teachers to develop this program.

IX. Guest Speaker – Patterson's social worker, Mindy Everett LCSW

Mindy Everett, the school social worker provided an overview on the subject of anxiety in children. She discussed the causes, symptoms and resources available for treatment of anxiety. She also discussed the Zones of Regulation, a program that is designed to help children recognize and self-regulate their emotions and their associated behaviors.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.