

TECEC PTO

April 8 2015

Minutes

Present: Dr. Matthew Wheeler, Amy Lehaney, Jessica Taylor, Danielle Dunleavey, Missy Lorant, Geri Proscino, Jen Bauer-Tibor, Lindsay Provenzano, Claudia Shriver, and Kristen Caron.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Amy Lehaney

Introductions

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Amy Lehaney summarized the events of the previous meeting. Danielle announced a motion to accept the minutes and Kristen Caron seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Jessica Taylor briefly reviewed the treasurer report which had no significant changes since the meeting in January.

March Playdate – The March play date was held at Next Dimensions. The event was not well attended but the kids who came enjoyed it.

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Comments/Review

- Lines at the end weren't bad and checkout lines went well;
- Raffle went smoothly;
- Mike's MC ing went well.

Suggestions for next year

- Check-in and raffle tickets sold separately;
- Marisa's was great location for the event... good food, good to have at a bar/restaurant;
- Set-up was good with the exception of needing more chairs next year;
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Upcoming Events:

Play Dates:

- **April Playdate** – No play date scheduled –
- **May Playdate** – TBD one of the local parks?
- **June Playdate** – TBD at one of the local sprinkler parks?

Spring Party – April 30th 5:30-7:30 at Middlebrook School

- Event budget: \$650
- Considering an ice cream truck - \$2/person with a magician at \$250
- Considering a traveling zoo at \$600 (mobile petting zoo with goats, sheep, pigs, ducks, etc...)
- Free admission - Families to bring picnic dinner

Teacher Appreciation Week

Daily

- Each day students bring in items relating to their teachers favorite color, candy, flower, card and drink/fruit;
- Each teacher receives a flower or a Dunkin Donuts gift card;
- All support staff will get recognized compliments of PTO funds

Luncheon

- Luncheon – \$800 budget Matt to provide final headcount
- Catering possibilities from Marisa's, Jennies, and Soup Thyme
- Dessert will come from parents
- Healing touch will be doing 10 minute chair massages – requested "Moses"

End of Year Breakfast

- June 5th budget - \$250 detail to follow

Ice Cream Social

- June 10th or June 11th TBD at Madison Middle School
- Ice Cream truck – free ice cream
- Budget/Cost?

Fundraising:

- **Quassy Amusement Park-** (Danielle Dunleavey)
 - Teachers, all TECEC family members and friends of TECEC families are invited to attend.
 - The "TECEC Night" at Quassy Amusement Park is set for Friday, May 8th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - The park will be closed to all but TECEC friends and family.
 - The cost to TECEC is \$17/person. TECEC will charge \$20/child and \$25/adult as a fundraiser for the school.
 - There will be a DJ at the carousel and parking is included in the cost.
 - TECEC will also receive 10% of all food and games sold during that time.
 - There is a 300 minimum participation for the event.
 - Flyers to go home in students' backpacks.

Open Forum— No items raised.

Wheeler's Words of Wisdom:

1. PBIS – We will be making T-shirts to support the PBIS initiative
2. The Board of Education is meeting to vote on the Board of Education budget for the 2015-16 school year;
3. Olympics scheduled for Wednesday 5/6 from 9-11:30am for the AM students and from 12:30-3pm for PM students with a rain date of 5/14. The event will be held at Middlebrook School and class colors will be assigned. The “popsicle” problem was addressed and it was decided that each room mom has the responsibility of providing popsicles for the students in their class and ensuring that there are no allergies to dye etc. among the students in their class;
4. Introducing Nurse Terry Mastrioni to begin on April 20th.
5. Discussion regarding the departure of chief custodian Sebastian with uncertainty of replacement at this time;
6. Discussion of the poor shape of the landscape surrounding the school. Mulch to be delivered on April 18th to help improve the appearance of the flower beds. Unfortunately TECEC's driveway and parking lots are not on the re-paving schedule in the foreseeable future.
7. Head Start – brief discussion regarding the possible change in CT law regarding cutoff date for kindergarten and possible financial ramifications;
8. PTA Council – discussion of ensuring equity among schools by spending dollars as they are raised and by investing in technology. The PTA gets to choose what is purchased based on teacher/administrators requests.
9. People's Bank grant of \$2,500-10,000 – Is TECEC eligible? Might be due to TECEC's Head Start program;
10. Wish list – Amy requested that Matt provide the PTO with a wish list. The PTO anticipates having roughly \$10,000-\$11,000 to spend on enhancements for the school. (examples include itouch, speakers, carts, smart board, speech audiometer, easel and ipads). Matt indicated the list would be developed and coming soon.
11. Discussion of ABNO Post Cards to be printed and mailed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.