

# Peeples Elementary PTO

## Minutes of Meeting

January 25, 2009

6:30 Evening

### In Attendance

Jackie Arnold  
Judy Dillon  
Tiffany Donaldson  
Priscilla Henry  
Wynne Inya-Agha  
Mary Lehman

Jennifer Hynes Lohman  
Angela McNulty  
Brenda Pace  
Tammy Pattison  
Erin Roberson  
Lynn Schriver  
Susan Shepherd

Erica Spencer  
Becky Talley  
Kent Talley  
Chuck Trimble  
Lee Ann Trimble  
Susan Walton

### Call to Order

Becky Talley called the meeting to order.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

### President's Report

- a. Update on Mini-Amphitheater Construction: Decks by Design has obtained permits; grading will start this week.
- b. Playground Improvements: Becky showed a Power Point illustrating the major drainage problems on the playground and possible solutions. Gave an overview of different types of surfaces/solutions. For long-term fix, Area 1 would cost ~ \$45-50K and Area 2 ~ \$30-35K. President's recommendations: save the \$25K surplus money, ear mark over-budget revenues for Area 1, with the goal of starting Dec. 2010. Discussed pros and cons of options, including county fixing the drainage problems. Suggestion to form a Playground Committee to further research the options; Tammy Pattison will work on this. Tabled the discussion for now.

### Principal's Report

Thank you...

- Volunteers for Holiday Lunch: More volunteers needed.
  - Donations to Relay for Life
1. New Broadcast Equipment: explained how the daily show is run by 56 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  2. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Update: After an extensive bid process, the two losing companies protested; can't begin until BOE hears all arguments. Hope to resolve it at the Feb. meeting.
  3. Ice Cream Sales: Proceeds are kept in a separate account; used for school-wide assemblies. Yearly monies are usually around \$1200.
  4. Allotments & Class Sizes for Next Year: TBA
  5. School System Budget/Finance Update: More cuts coming from the state.
  6. Funding Requests: Will vote next month on PTO funding these.
    - a. Opera Program, The Ugly Duckling: \$1250 (March 2)
    - b. Science Assembly: "Air Up There" (\$520)

\*Important Dates – a calendar of upcoming events was handed out.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Becky Talley –

- a. On track for expenditures
- b. Ahead ~ \$4500 in small fundraisers (e.g. Square One Art brought in an extra \$1K)
- c. Additional teacher stipends purchased (teachers turning in receipts)
- d. Special Projects: made the 1<sup>st</sup> down payment for mini-amp.

### **Landscaping/Outdoor Classroom**

Mulching day: Friday Feb. 26, 9-12. Andy's and Home Depot will donate supplies for Bus Loop improvements. Work will begin in March. Send ideas to Susan Shepherd (e.g. gazebo, picnic tables).

### **Playground**

The permits are all cleared; grading equipment should arrive this week. While working on the amphitheatre, Rich is also going to add the additional gravel to the golf cart docking station. The remaining half of the playground balls were inflated and distributed and some minor repairs on the playground equipment was completed.

### **Scrapbook**

Sue has received a CD full of pictures from Erin from the first half of the year, but she could always use more.

### **Spirit Wear**

Orders for 5th grade t-shirts were due Friday, January 22nd. Mrs. Border's student, Catherine Dorr was chosen as the winning artwork from entry. It features a peace sign. The back will list all the students from 5th grade. T&G had the lowest bid and will be producing them. To date, 99 orders have been received. There is still some inventory to be sold (limited sizes); no new items will be ordered for the year.

### **Spring Fling**

Explained how the sponsorships work. Reminded everyone to solicit sponsors.

### **New Business**

- a. Lunch coverage for Valentine Luncheon: Need volunteers for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Staff Survey responses: Top 5 ways teachers would like to be supported:
  1. Continue to pay for Intervention Coach
  2. School-wide assemblies and in-house field trips
  3. Color ink, paper
  4. Café sound system
  5. Playground surface improvement

### **Old Business**

Kroger Earning Plus Learning – Becky looking for pictures to include in a Power Point about PES. Winner gets a \$2500 grant. Due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Becky Talley adjourned the meeting.