

PECIL PARENT PARTNERS PTSO

Meeting Minutes

11/14/19

5:00 pm

Parents/students/staff were welcomed by Tammy Rokuse. She gave a brief summary of the objective of forming a PTSO and asked for any new volunteers, none noted. She explained that Mrs. Graves was currently listed as treasurer on the PPP roster but that she would not be able to serve in that capacity once the PTSO was formed due to conflict of interest being a school employee. Tammy asked for a volunteer. There were no interested attendees so Stacy Hill graciously volunteered. Heidi Mize thanked her for her willingness to take this on. Tammy also made the group aware of the need to have a bank account and bylaws, etc. There were no objections and no further discussion.

Tammy invited all present to voice their desires for preferred meeting times. All agreed that Wednesday/Thursday were not good meeting nights due to other obligations. It was agreed to meet on the 3rd Tuesday Bi-Monthly at 6:30pm beginning in January 2020. Meetings will be held in the PECIL building unless otherwise noted.

Communication was discussed as some parents had not received various notifications. Communication will be via email, Facebook pages, and Connect Ed phone messages. These phone messages will be implemented by Mrs. Johnson and/or Mrs. Graves in the same way that school events and updates are being done currently. Google drive emails will be used rather than individual/private emails. Stacy asked if the PECIL Parent Partners FB link could be added to the PECIL FB page and the PECIL website. This will be looked at and implemented if possible.

Discussion of Committees:

Volunteer Coordinator Committee is chaired by Rachel Pettiford. This committee has several parents to assist with needs. Anyone wishing to volunteer should reach out to her and she will direct you. Volunteers will be needed to chaperone the Prom, however, the school is requesting that freshman and sophomore parents serve for this rather than parents of juniors and seniors. Chaperones will also be needed for the Senior Trip to Carowinds in the Spring.

Fundraising Committee is chaired by Heidi Mize. She has several members and this group is full of ideas that don't involve selling. The goal is to bring the community and its support to PECIL and to grow that community. Currently, there is a "Guess How Many Jar?" in the office where students/staff can pay \$1 per guess. The person who correctly guesses the number of contents wins the jar. The goal is \$50 per jar. This will be a monthly rotation fundraiser. Burton Realty has sponsored the jar for December. Other ideas for raising funds for school activities include: Tree Lighting Ceremony, Balloon Pop for \$100, Craft Fair, Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Night, PJ Day, Tailgater Cornhole Tournament, Rock Paper Scissors Tournament, Car Wash,

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Pancake Breakfast and others are in the works. These events will be planned for next year and beyond. We don't want to burn out parents and families with asking for money constantly but would like to incorporate our fundraising into fun things for our students to show them appreciation for their hard work throughout their educational experience here at PECIL.

Appreciation Committee is Co-chaired by Tiffany Tuck and Leslie Keeton. This group of volunteers will take the lead for Teacher/Staff appreciation recognition, Student appreciation events, etc. The current campaign is American Education Week, November 18-22 and the goal is to have people sign up to bring in supplies to stock up the supply room for all of our teachers. Tiffany discussed the event and explained the "Sign Up Genius" that had been created so that those wishing to donate would see exactly what was being brought in and items still on the needs list. David Haynes questioned the list as he felt it was somewhat confusing. Tiffany and Heidi explained that it was a general list created through a survey of the teachers and staff and that it was not items for an individual teacher. The sign up shows numbers allotted/available and the person making a donation can choose the number of items they wish to bring in on a particular day or each day. One can also bring in supplies without using the sign up genius if desired. All teachers and students benefit from any supplies donated. The group is planning to have snacks/water for students on exam days: 12/13, 12/16-12/19. They are asking for individually wrapped snacks, fruit and bottled water. They are also planning a Hot Cocoa Bar for students on the last day of class before Winter Break. Stacy Hill will donate cocoa and cups, as well as Mrs. Johnson.

Prom Committee is chaired by Micholene Schumacher. There was no discussion from this committee.

Mrs. Johnson thanked parents for all the support and for the Christmas Tree donated.

Tammy thanked all for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Kim Griffin
11/15/19