



PECIL School and Parent Team meeting
September 25th, 2019

In attendance:

Shanita Graves	Tammy Duncan	Emily Tingen
Dawn Ray	Tammy Rokose	Stacy Hill

Re: Fundraising

Mrs. Johnson emailed a request that the Fundraiser Committee meeting scheduled for tonight might be open to other parents, in order to look at some ideas together.

The Fundraising committee currently consists of Julie Masten, Dawn Ray, Stacy Hill, and Shanita Graves.

Ms. Graves noted that the PECIL Prom is scheduled for April 4th, 2020 from 7pm-11pm and we will need to do fundraising and planning for this. She has arranged for prom to be held at the Homestead Restaurant's Festival House. The cost for this is \$3700 +\$400 which includes the Festival House building, hors d'oeuvres, tables and chairs. Ms. Graves estimated decorations at around \$2100. (Overall estimate: \$6200)

Another fundraising need is Charter buses for the school trip to Carowinds. This will be a learning experience as well as a day of fellowship and fun. It is possible that 2 Charter buses will be needed for this. They are an estimated \$1500 each. (Overall estimate: \$3000).

These total our fundraising needs at \$9,200 before accounting for classroom needs and student and family assistance. We can sell Prom tickets to offset some of this cost, but we don't want to charge so much they are not within the students' ability to purchase.

We are almost done with the current Krispy Kreme fundraiser. This has not been counted yet, but usually brings in several hundred dollars.

Some of the fundraising ideas discussed include a car wash, bake sale, stew sale, and a general donation fundraiser.

A decision was made to pursue a general donation fundraiser before we attempt any others. Most fundraisers only grant the school 40% of funds raised, and a donation fundraiser is 100% profit (other than the small PayPal fee for online donations.)

If we collect our goal amount we may not need to organize the car washes, bake sales and etc. listed above.

The current plan is to mail home a donation fundraiser envelope with an instruction sheet, and have that fundraiser run from 10/25/19 to 12/02/19.

There will be a pizza party for any student who raises a minimum of \$50 and a note that the per student goal is \$60. There will also be prizes awarded to the top 3 students. These will likely include Palace Pointe cards and or Sheetz cards.

A decision was made to reach out to Julie Masten and see if the PayPal account is still working, and if those funds entered can be sent directly to PECIL. A request was made to add PECIL to the name of this account. She responded during the meeting that the link works, all funds have been transferred and the name cannot be changed. This link will be included on the instruction sheet so that those who do not want to risk collection of cash or checks can donate through that secure link.

If we do not raise enough with this fundraiser, we will look at our other options and possibly do another fundraiser later in the year.

Re: Goals and Needs of the Parent Group

Ms. Smith and Mrs. Johnson are interested in learning more about parent/student/teacher groups and whether it would be to our advantage to create one at PECIL. A group like this is needed to help with fundraising and assisting the school with a variety of needs.

Tammy Rokose and Dawn Ray agreed to research these parent groups to consider the options. We are not sure we are large enough to need an official PTSO with the state of NC, as there are requirements and membership can cut into profits for the group.

Our main goals are to: A) have a group we can mobilize to assist our school; B) fundraise for PECIL; and C) maintain accountability for what is done, how funds are raised, and how they are used. Possibly we could do a membership drive, document meetings and document funds brought in and how they are spent without joining an official state group.

Some things the school and the group need help with include:

Decorating for Prom- This will be a big project and we need all the help we can get. We would ask any parents who are willing to help to contact Ms. Graves.

Photographing prom- We would like to have some option for photos available at Prom.

Someone to pick up and deliver for the Pizza Party- (Funding for the pizzas has already been secured.) The date of this party has not yet been determined, but it will be held during the school day some time in December.

Someone to take notes at parent meetings

Someone to work with the school as Treasurer of this parent group.

Chaperones/Parent Volunteers- Parents who can be contacted for help with general school and student needs.

Re: Next Meeting

Our next meeting will likely be held on October 28, 2019.