

Challenger Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time:
Thursday, September 21, 2017
6pm

I. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Attended by: Yvonne Clark (Treasurer), Lisa Schultz (co-President), Jeanine Spencer (Secretary), Abby Aldred, Dave Cherry, Holly Goodfellow, Nicole Stropkai, Erin Stover, Beverly Sidorski, Joy Andres, Shelly Wilkerson, Amy Wirt

II. Approval of last meeting minutes (May 2017)

- Beverly Sidorski motioned to approve, Erin Stover seconded

III. Welcome Board Members, Parents and Teachers (Introductions)

IV. Treasurer's Report/Budget Review

- Budget presented. We spent more last year because we bought playground equipment. Motion to approve budget by Erin Stover, Beverly Sidorski seconded.
- Made \$47 from Bonkers Open House promotion
- Made \$147 from Marcos Pizza night. Mr Nicholas' class won

V. Principal & Teachers' Reports

- (Abby Aldred)The Principal has been visiting and reading books to classrooms. Summer Reading program went very well and we will need to collect about 500 shoeboxes to do it for 2018. We will be having another used book sale in the Spring.
- (Dave Cherry) Jayne Williams has secured the "Building Healthy Communities" grant for our school. Funds will be used for healthy food/exercise education, gardening and after-school walking club
- Challenger is pursuing the opportunity to host a First Lego League team next fall.
- Student of the month will be changing. The focus for selection will be on "catching" students exhibiting certain predetermined monthly traits.
- We now have a district on-staff Police officer. Officer Banfield.
- The new 3rd-grade retention law is complex and will not take effect for a few more years.
- Fifth-graders will have the opportunity to operate a student-run credit union this year. LOC Credit Union will supervise the students. Any Challenger student can use the service.
- Spirit Week is October 2-6. We will be having special days, but not necessarily the same as the High School

- A parent volunteer is needed to represent Challenger in the Teacher of the Year discussion and determination process. Beverly Sidorski volunteered.
- We will need to budget more money on 5th-grade celebration this year because there are more fifth-graders

VI. Old Business

- Open House – We liked that it was before school started, but attendance seemed low.
- Spirit Sticks – Discontinued use. Leftovers can be sold or given as tchotchkes.

VII. New Business

- Treasurer Position Vacancy – Yvonne Clark confirmed as Treasurer by majority vote (8:0).
- Box Tops - Erin Stover says our goal this year is \$1800. She will be leaving Challenger and hopes to train a new person this year.
- Fall Fundraiser – We will host a Read-A-Thon. \$6,000 is our goal.
- Opt-Out Campaign –So far, we have 40 forms turned in, but dollar amounts are not yet available.
- Halloween Costume Sale - Beverly Sidorski agreed to take charge, but needs direction. Last year we made \$140. Flyer will be sent next week. Need to have a location approved.
- Buffalo Wild Wings 10/11/17 Celebrity Servers – We will need “Celebrity” volunteers.
- Popcorn Friday – 10/20/17 Joy Andres will purchase supplies. Jeanine will send her the flyer.
- Trunk N Treat – We will assemble a committee instead of a chairperson. Amy Wirt and Holly Goodfellow offered to serve as committee members. Meeting is planned for 10/3.
- Classroom Parents/PTO Liaisons – Jeanine Spencer prepared a letter to go out to interested parent volunteers. Abby Aldred will review and give feedback

VIII. Comments and questions from group

- Yvonne Clark announced that we will be getting a new design for our Spirit Wear, hopefully by next month
- Shelly Wilkerson would like the PTO to promote the VGs Direct your Dollars program and to post details on the PTO Bulletin Board
- Beverly Sidorski asked what our fundraising goal is for the schoolyear. She also suggested we put this information on the bulletin board. Dave Cherry will look into having a post office tour as a field trip for students per Beverly’s request

IX. Meeting Adjourned, 7:30pm