

Challenger Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time:
Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6pm

I. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

- Attended by: Char Purdy (co-President), Lisa Schultz (Co-President), Jeanine Spencer (Secretary), Dave Cherry, Nicole Stropkai, Mike Stropkai, Beverly Sidorski, Erin Stover, Lester Purdy

II. Approval of last meeting minutes (November 2017)

- Nicole motioned to approve, Jeanine seconded

III. Treasurer's Report

- Popcorn Day on 1/19 raised \$169, so we have almost broken even after the repair costs for the year.
- Tentative earnings figures from *Celebrity Server Night* on 1/12 were about \$900, but not sure yet what that figure includes. If we advance in the bracket challenge, we may have an opportunity to raise a large amount more. These funds have been earmarked for Playground Fund.

IV. Everyday Fundraising (Box Tops, Shoparoo, et al)

- Everyday fundraising submissions are ongoing and there are no issues to report

V. Principal & Teachers' Reports

- Pathways to Potential program has been helpful so far. Dave shared a situation in which agents were on-site and available when a new parent needed assistance & it was a positive experience.
- There will likely be more space to store PTO items next school year.
- One Book One School launched on 1/12 and kids are very excited. There were a few inquiries from concerned parents about harsh language in the book such as "stupid", but otherwise response has been very favorable. The event will continue until the last week in March.
- Dave is planning to fill the Challenger Dashboard with various items such as attendance reports, and teacher and student achievements. The Dashboard is the green, framed wall area at the building entrance.

VI. Old Business

- Breakfast with Champions went well and was well-attended. The change from grade-level attendance to last name was fine. There were no issues reported from using a PTO "tip" jar and we earned about \$70. On day one, we checked-in attendees and there was a large

number of no-shows from RSVPs. We have several gallons of leftover orange juice, which we agreed to donate to *Healthy Kids Club*.

VII. New Business

- Read-A-Thon – Full details are in in the works. Students will compete in fundraising efforts by grade and will coincide with One School One Book.
- Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Bracket Challenge – We are waiting to hear if we raised enough money on 1/12 to advance to the next round
- New Fundraising Venues – Lisa would like to arrange a fundraising event at SkyZone on our half-day, March 16th and intends to request the same arrangement that they made for NW Elementary. Lester is looking into getting a customized fundraising event at Rollerama.
- Volunteer Spotlight – Both Erin & Jim Krywko and Jeff Mansfield/Cub Scouts were nominated. We agreed that both should be recognized, so the Krywko's will be spotlighted for March & Jeff Mansfield for April.
- Conference Dinners – PTO asked for volunteers to help with the March dinner and Nicole indicated that she would likely be able to help.
- Family Fun Night – The group agreed that we should ask for a volunteer committee rather than a chairperson. Beverly stated that she will help plan the event as well as make flyers and manage money. Since we need volunteers, discussion was focused on raising interest. We will poll the facebook membership on their choice of theme for the event. We can also consider offering free admission to the event for volunteers' children.

VIII. Group Comments

- Spring pictures are March 1st. Nicole Stropkai and Jeanine volunteered to help
- Teachers will borrow the popcorn machine and PTO will donate supplies for a One School One book event
- Lisa will reschedule the March PTO meeting from the 16th to the 22nd to avoid potential school conference conflicts
- Beverly suggested we broadcast our PTO meetings live on Facebook

IX. Meeting Adjourned, 7:02pm