

R. C. Lindsey PTO Minutes - August 23, 2019

- I. Call to Order – all three board members are present, Mr. Kish, Mrs. Bellan, Mrs. Zannetti and 24 PTO members. Introductions around the room, name and grades of kids.
- II. Reading of the Minutes
 - A. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes by Danna Geraci. Seconded by Meg Minotas
- III. Teacher Requests – there are none at this time
- IV. Principal's Update
 - A. Mrs. Bellan's first PTO meeting
 - B. Lunch – in the past they had to sit with their class. Now, they have to sit with their grade-level. Mrs. Bellan and Mrs. Zannetti met with kids to confirm the rules. Will start second week of school.
 - C. Lunch and recess between 11:00 – 1:00, some grades are combined. Is working well with traffic patterns.
 - D. Dismissal – car riders pick-up down to 10 minutes. All car riders will start pick-up at 3:20 next week. Bus riders are walked down by teachers to the bus – they do not walk by themselves to make sure they do not run. K and 1st go out the side door – to stay out of the traffic. Busing the first day was very late, every day is getting better.
 - E. MAP test (screening tests) starting. Adding Science for 4th and 5th grade (online computerized testing). Taken in Fall and Spring to set goals for the year's growth. Common Assessment administered for first time this year. All grade-levels have the same instruction. More meetings for teachers – will be more subs (so teachers can analyze the tests and next steps).
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Approval of 2019-2020 Budget, Katy Cullis presents the proposed 2019/2020 budget. Each PTO member has a copy of the budget for review.

- B. Holiday shop should be run as a break-even, this should not be a profit.
- C. Vendor night – need to advertise in Chester News...need to understand classifications so funds are available.
- D. Misc. – should this be it?
- E. Becky Ohlson motion to approve with Becky Edwards seconds it – everyone agreed...budget is approved.

VI. Old Business

- A. Audit of 2018-2019 – five PTO members, Erin Stevenson, Katy Cullis, Michelle Wiece, Lynn Barras and Menta met on August 6 to perform the 2018/2019 audit. It passed the audit. There was a missing receipt for Bounce House – reaching out to teacher. A few bounced checks from the book fair. List of names – confidential so book fair will not accept.
- B. Kindergarten Kick-off and Play Dates – Aug 13th kick-off at Westwood. Michelle Wiece and Katy Cullis attended the Kindergarten kick-off and Play Dates and supplied popsicles. Face Painting, nice event. Next year at Lindsey.
- C. Ice Cream Social – August 23, well attended, ran out of ice cream after 45 minutes. Next year will either have to buy more or limit the time.
- D. Convocation Day – Lynn Barras and Katy Cullis attended at the Middle School and helped prepare breakfast for about 230 people, donated cups and plates. All the teacher's pep rally. Mr. Kish added – meeting for all teachers in the district. Mr. Kish also brought some swag...much appreciated!
- E. Teacher Grants – Breakfast & Request for information – this morning. No change in the amount as last year.
- F. New website – Shelley built new website, looks great and a great tool for PTO into the future.

VII. New Business

- A. Membership and Party Donations- go to website to sign-up and pay, 36 currently...PTO will push at the orientation nights.
- B. Room Captain requests – form went out – please complete and send back to Nicki, one room captain will be chosen for each room.
- C. Box Tops – running first box tops content starting Sept 1. It is now electronic. Scan your grocery receipt within 14 days of your purchase. Flier

will go out today about how to do box tops. Whole school contest (not individual). New items have been added. Can still send in box tops (if not expired). See Misty with questions.

D. Monthly Newsletter – sent home each week. Chairs can provide information to Lynn if they would like it to be featured in the newsletter. Shelley will provide the names of those who are interested in serving on a committee.

E. Committees Chairs filled! Thank you!

F. Back-To-School Pool Party at Berkshire Hills – New this year, nice event to meet new kids. Sell pizza and water. Members can use their membership cards (tweet it out). Shelley will share on social media.

G. Laps-4-Lindsey – Contact Dana if you want to sponsor, T-shirt form went home on first day of school. First meeting on Tuesday, Aug 27.

H. One School One Book Bulletin showcase - Ellen Kinney volunteered to help – will work with Mrs. Bellan.

I. Anyone Interested in helping with Kindergarten MAP testing – many days/flexible – contact Mrs. Bellan

J. Vendor Night – November 21...if you know anyone who would like to have a table, contact Danna.

K. Kindergarten orientation the night before school – can that change next year? Typically post...moved it up. Ideally would not be dinner time. Snack and information in advance would be helpful. What they can bring for lunch.

L. PVR ad popcorn – Parent volunteer Room – Next Wednesday at 8:45 until done. Now Sept 10 - not 11th. Popcorn is first Thursday of every month. Need volunteer 10:30 – 11:30...need volunteer for popcorn. Jill sent email list from last year asking for volunteers. Maybe 4th and 5th graders could help (12:00 – 1:00).

VIII. Adjournment

A. Misty Caudill motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Erin Stevenson