

RS Payne Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2016

A meeting of the RS Payne Elementary PTO was held on August 4, 2016. In attendance were the following people: Trish Pabis, Cindy Tolle, Adrienne Scruggs, Heather Somers, Steve Lobb, Sheri Quinones, Keeley Tuggle, Leslie Salazar, and Principal Blakely.

President Sheri Quinones offered a brief welcome to everyone, as a sign-in sheet was circulated for all present to sign. Next, a motion was made by President Quinones to approve the June meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Principal's Report: Principal Blakely provided an update on the fencing project for the school and playground. He also offered the PTO parents a sneak peek of the STREAM lab and noted that the PTO is very close to reaching its \$10,000 fundraising goal to jumpstart the lab. This goal will be met if all current pledges are honored.

Regarding the GO Center, a scavenger hunt will be held for new students on Aug. 7. Class sizes for this year (2 classes per grade) number as follows: 3rd--25 students each; 4th--27 students each; and 5th--26 students each.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality: A sign-up genius listing ways to be of assistance for registration day will be coming out. Ninety staff/teachers will be fed a meal on registration day--pizzas, salad, and bottled water.

Fundraising: Restaurant Nights are to be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The first restaurant night of the year will be held at Biscuitville, a Breakfast After Dark event, at two of their locations. More details will be shared with the students closer to the event date.

PTO members are reminded to register with the Kroger Community rewards program on-line (and choose RS Payne as their beneficiary). It was also suggested, during the meeting, that perhaps we should look into fundraising through Amazon Smile. If anyone is interested in further looking into Amazon Smile as a fundraising opportunity for the school, please let President Quinones know.

Our first, and one of our major, fundraisers of the year--sales of Attraction Books--will be launched at the end of August. Volunteers will be needed to assist with compilation and distribution of sales packets and filling and distribution of purchased Attraction Books per student/classroom once the fundraiser closes.

There was also some discussion about whether or not the PTO should pursue obtaining its 501(c)3 status. This is something the PTO will most likely need to pursue and accomplish within the next year.

Last, if you shop at Office Depot or Office Max, upon checking out, provide the cashier with the school's reward ID number: 70104062 and RS Payne will receive 5% back on the purchase transaction.

Spirit: A Spirit Program is going to be launched at our school this year. The plan is to host a "spirit day" once a month, likely the first Friday of each month. To kickoff the program, every student, teacher, and staff member will receive a free RS Payne t-shirt. Spirit contests will be held throughout the year and spirit awards will be presented on an on-going basis to the most spirited classrooms in pre-k to 2 (base), grades 3-5 (base), and the GO Center (collectively). Winning classrooms will gain possession of the sure-to-be coveted Spirit Dragon!

Logistically, children, staff, and teachers will need to provide their requested sizes for the shirts. It is the Spirit Committee's hope to have the shirts distributed by Sept. 8 in time for an inaugural spirit day on Sept. 9. Special thanks to the Spirit Committee for raising the funds necessary to provide this opportunity for all the children, staff, and teachers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trish Pabis, treasurer, provided a quick review and summary of the PTO budget for 2016-17. Operating funds on hand, as of this meeting, total \$24,136.79. Taking into account projected expenditures for the year and honoring the by-law commitment to keep around \$5000 (at a maximum amount) as a PTO buffer in our account at all times, our budget, at present, will have about \$4800 extra cash on hand for the 2016-17 year. Also of note: as of July 20, 2016, a \$274.52 check has been received from Kroger and \$125.00 has been paid out to Point Source Audio for the school's yearly sound check.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: There are still some unfilled PTO Board positions for the year: Vice President, Candy Cane Clubhouse Chair, and Restaurant Night Coordinator. For carnival, silent auction and raffle co-chair positions are available. Please let President Quinones know if you or anyone you may know has an interest in filling any of these positions.

With no further business or announcements to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and carried. As such, the meeting was adjourned. The next PTO meeting will be **Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 10:30 am at RS Payne, meeting room TBD.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Cindy Tolle, Recording Secretary
RS Payne PTO, 2016-17

