

Exeter Elementary PTO

May 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Street School Library.

Attendance: Dawn Bullens, Allison Jelinek, Jan Smith, Beth Cadorette, Cyndy Smith, Suzy Finniss, Rita Jacobs, Bonnie Rosencrantz, Deb Wheeler-Bean, Steve Adler, and Drew Bairstow. There were 11 members in attendance.

Meeting called to order by President Dawn Bullens at 6:34 p.m.

Officer's Reports (*name of speaker, summary of business discussed*)

Secretary's Report: given by Allison Jelinek, PTO Secretary.

- Reported that the June Newsletter is being drafted and will be distributed during the last week of May.
- Provided the minutes from the April 2017 meeting for review and discussion. A motion was made by Jan Smith and seconded by Beth Cadorette to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: given by Dawn Bullens, PTO President on behalf of Valerie Castonguay, PTO Treasurer.

- Distributed and briefly reviewed the status of the 2016-2017 PTO budget and revenue generated by the Get Fit in May Road Race registration to-date.

Principal's Reports

Lincoln Street School: given by Drew Bairstow, LSS Principal

- Summarized LSS school events that occurred since the last PTO meeting in April. Highlights included "Poem in My Pocket" in recognition of April being "National Poetry Month," and a visit by Valerie Sununu, ambassador of the Best Buddies program, and students from EHS who participate in the high school chapter of Best Buddies to meet with third grade students.
- Discussed events upcoming in May and June, including Integrated Arts Night (May 18), DARE graduation, parent Info night for parents of incoming third graders (May 31), and step-up day for fifth graders graduating to CMS next year (June 12).

Main Street School: given by Steve Adler, MSS Principal

- Summarized MSS school events that occurred since the last PTO meeting in April. Highlighted was the ongoing construction at the school and how teachers and administrators are using the construction as a learning opportunity for all grades. Also

discussed was recent school field trips, the first grade music concert, second grade play, and the Get Fit in May pep rally.

- Discussed events upcoming in May and June, including an assembly on friendship and bullying (May 26) and open house & book fair (May 25).

Teacher Representative Reports:

Given by Suzy Finnis (MSS representative)

- Inquired about why [several years ago] the PTO ceased the \$500 scholarship program to a graduate of EHS that attended MSS or LSS. Dawn Bullens, president, said that the PTO will review and reconsider the previous scholarship program.
- Thanked the PTO on behalf of the MSS teachers for recent assemblies and field trips.

Given by Cyndy Smith (LSS representative)

- Thanked the PTO on behalf of the LSS teachers for recent assemblies, field trips, t-shirts and the Teacher Appreciation luncheon.

Additional PTO Business, discussion led by Dawn Bullens

- Announced that board positions still remain unfilled for the 2017-2018 school year: Co-president and Secretary.
- Fundraising campaign for 2017-2018 will include selling Charleston Wrap, Square One Art, and Margaritas Night Out.
- Reminder that the Get Fit in May road race is this Saturday: t-shirts will go home on Friday with students who pre-registered. Registration will be open Friday night and Saturday morning before the race.
- Asked Drew Bairstow and Steve Adler for their school's wishlist items for PTO discussion and approval.
 - Drew Bairstow requested the purchase of 24 chrome books for classrooms. Allison Jelinek motioned to approve the purchase, Steve Adler seconded the motion.
 - Steve Adler requested the purchase of a shade structure to be installed in the school playground and 10 chrome books for classrooms. Allison Jelinek motioned to approve the two purchases and both Drew Bairstow and Jan Smith seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

There will be no additional Exeter Elementary PTO Meetings this school year.

Minutes compiled by Allison Jelinek, PTO Secretary.