

General PTO Meeting Minutes  
Pocopson Elementary School  
February 19th, 2019

**Attendees:**

Attendance Sheet Attached.

**Meeting Opened at 9:38am**

Eileen Day welcomed everyone and turned the meeting to Mr. Beaver.

**Principal's Address - Mr. Clif Beaver**

Review of Snow Day Make-ups and calendar.

He presented the new calendar, explained our new last day of school is currently June 12th. The schedule is shown on the district calendar as well. As far as missing days of school for vacation, the principal does have discretion for up to ten days. Those days are meant to be used in the spirit of one family vacation trip, not five two-day trips throughout the year.

Mr. Beaver introduced Mrs. Showalter, as our visiting teacher for this meeting. She delivered the Third Grade thanks for all of the PTO's and volunteer's hard work putting on their annual Read-a-Thon. They all had a great time.

Question to Mrs. Showalter about Art and Garden projects during the PSSA off time: She doesn't mind them being used, but feels it's probably a little too late to use that time and still be ready for Art and Garden.

Mr. Beaver also passed on additional messages:

- Mr. Jennings thanks the PTO for funds going to Music Around the World - a musical assembly.
- Dr. Huber thanks the PTO for the new whiteboard tables. She says the students are really enjoying and benefiting from them.

**Treasurer's Report - Led by Kate McHale, Treasurer**

- Interior Projects will be showing a reduction due to the Kindness Messaging we've installed in the bathrooms.
- Holiday Gift Shop numbers are in. We ended right around where we budgeted. While this isn't a planned fundraiser, we did end up making a small amount on it.

- Community Service Projects. We are slightly over, due to the MLK service events. She put it onto our balance sheet to be able to show where we're spending and allow for future budgeting discussions.
  - The projects were donated to a group who assists refugees who have been relocated to our country. Sylvia Kane dropped half of our donations to them in Philly. People who received them were incredibly excited to be able to give them to refugee children who are new to United States. We also dropped half of the totes to Chester County Services to go to children in shelters.
- Family Fun Night - Bingo was a HUGE success. We generally break even. These are meant to be community experiences, rather than a fundraiser. We're really meaning to enhance our community involvements rather than make money.
- Teacher Funds from Art and Garden - their funds should have been spent by December 31st from last years Art and Garden. Now, we'll start to see the Teacher Budgets being reduced with their new spendings.

### **Spring Teacher Grants - Presented by Eileen Day**

We have \$5,000 budgeted for teacher grants. We also have an Educational Enrichment Fund we're able to pull from to cover these additional grants. If all of these grant requests are approved, we will exceed our budget, but have those other Educational Enrichment Funds available to supplement.

- Rebecca Louick - Calm Down Center - \$300
- Sam Hage - Pocopson Museum of Art and Cricut Maker - \$1,252.06 (She'd pay \$480 from her Art and Garden monies)
- 3rd Grade Teachers - Spelling/Vocabulary City - \$70/25 students
- Sarah Terranova - MotivAider - \$390 (6 at \$65)
- Dave Carter - Technology Lab Seating - \$765 for 17 stools
- 4th Grade Teachers - Love That Dog class sets - \$699 (\$6.99 for 100)
- Allison Tester and Tara Anciborenko (PE Teachers) - Slip & Slide Field Day - \$512.54

Blind voting was taken. Grants were approved.

### **Committee Chair & PTO Positions for 2019 - 2020**

Available Board and Committee positions were discussed. We will be sending out further information asking for interested people to fill the vacancies. They will see emails coming out shortly.

### **Art & Garden Planning**

- Last year we made \$24,255 from our fun Spring event.
- This year, Art & Garden will be held Saturday April 27th 11:00-3:00, with the Fun Run prior

- Event Website: [www.pesartandgarden.org](http://www.pesartandgarden.org)
- Description of A&G Committees
  - Fun Run - Monies will be donated to Unite for Her in honor of Sharon, our janitor
  - Food Area
  - Plant Sale
  - Games & Crafts
  - Silent Auction
  - Vendors
- Homeroom Parent Projects - Nora Baughan (HR Parent Meeting 2/22/19) will be the touch point for any questions and direction. More information will be disseminated during her meeting.