



The Bull's-Eye

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Allyson Dye, Editor



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Poquoson Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization



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**Wednesday,
May 3rd
6pm**

We are planning things for
the end of the year! Come
check it out!



Upcoming Dates

5/3—PTO Meeting
5/8-12—Teacher Appreciation Week
5/10—Early Dismissal
5/10—Arts & Culture Night
5/17—Interim Reports
5/29—School Closed (Memorial Day)
6/1—5th Grade Fun Night



PES & **Arts** **Night**
culture

Wednesday, May 10th
5-8pm

Did you know if each student donated just **2-3 pairs** of new or gently used tennis shoes, the PES PTO would exceed their goal?!?!?



The ongoing fundraiser is accepting:

Running shoes, basketball shoes, cross trainers, non-metal cleats, canvas sneakers, hiking boots, gym shoes, court shoes

Shoes we cannot accept:

Shoes with rips and tears, dirty shoes, heels, slippers, flip flops, Crocs, etc.

How much money will be raised???

If PES PTO collects the goal of 700 shoes, we will receive about \$1500

Anything else???

Shoes can be dropped off in the bins by the PES office

Please make sure the shoes stay in pairs by rubber banding together or tying the laces together

5TH GRADE FUN NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!
ADDITIONAL DETAILS, INCLUDING
SIGN-UP, PERMISSION
INFORMATION

**Date Change due to SOLs
June 1st**

SON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY



Want to help raise money for PES??

Coke Rewards is another way!

Simply visit the website, select our school, and enter the code under the cap.

<https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

Box Tops have gone digital!

To earn money for PES,
simply download the app and begin scanning!



PES PTO Meeting Minutes

PES PTO Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendance:

Elizabeth Jones, Bobbi Wright, Kristen Lamm (PES Administration), Kristen Jones, Erika Chwalik, Allyson Dye, Jenny Defendeifer

Call to order: 6:06pm, Elizabeth Jones, President

President, Elizabeth Jones

- March meeting minutes approved unanimously via electronic vote
- Gaga pit (purchased by the PTO pre-COVID but never “installed” due to combination of COVID + middle school renovation)
 - Mrs. Lamm noted the Gaga Pit is in the gymnasium closet and PES Administration is finalizing a location to install in the back of the school
 - Elizabeth is still looking into end of year school-wide “fun event” at the Dare Roller Rink (similar Skate Night was done at PES pre-COVID)
 - This would be a schoolwide event for all grade levels
 - PTO does not fund any of the cost - families that attend pay admission
 - PTO could possibly sell concessions as a fundraiser

Principal, Mrs. Lamm

- Cookie dough distribution (PES fundraiser <not PTO affiliated>)
 - There was a plant delay, but delivery is expected week of 4/17, with distribution on 4/22
 - Limousine ride / pizza lunch incentive scheduled for 4/24
- 5th grade graduation/celebrations
 - Scheduled for 6pm on 6/15 at PMS Auditoria
- Elizabeth noted Lorrie Challoner (*unable to attend*) asked if she could receive updates about Bull Bucks or other student awards so she can start including positive recognitions on one of the PTO bulletin boards - Mrs. Lamm noted she can send those notices to Lorrie.
- School safety concern was addressed asking if all visitors are being properly ID checked and signed in prior to gaining access to the school.
 - Mrs. Lamm noted standard procedure is for 100% ID checks at all times!
 - Plans are left with any front-desk substitute with details of check-in procedures
- Playground Discussion
 - It has been noticed that front playground trash cans are full of trash and basketballs appear flat and in bad shape
 - Mrs. Lamm noted Mrs. Barnes has recently ordered and received some brand new equipment, such as balls and jump ropes, for playground use
 - Lorrie Challoner (via electronic notes) noted the need for a new PES playground has been discussed with a School Board member and there is a budget for a playground. The playground should be added to the agenda for the next School Board meeting
 - Erika noted she and others (including the Special Education Advisory Committee) have been working with PCPS Administration over the past year+ to ensure there is a budget and plan for fully ADA accessible playgrounds at both PPS and PES
- Per Mrs. Lamm, Susan Northcutt with the Garden Club has requested PTO volunteers to help with the gardens / flower beds at PES
 - Allyson noted PPS PTO has a “Natural Resources” Board position
 - Erika noted there is a class at PHS where this could tie into the curriculum with the offer of service hours

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- Allyson noted an extra-curricular club at PES if there is an interested sponsor
- Final Determination - Elizabeth asked Bobbi if she would create a Sign-Up Genius to send out to PES PTO volunteers to solicit help for Mrs. Northcutt this Spring. PES PTO will try to find a volunteer to serve in a "Natural Resources" Board position for next year.
- Elizabeth will send a Sign-Up Genius for SOL assistance volunteers per Mrs. Lamm's request
- Mrs. Lamm noted 3rd grade is planning a field trip to VA Air and Space Museum on 5/3 and 5/4

Treasurer, Erika Chwalik

- Noted spirit wear and food sales at Math Night were a success
- 2nd (and final) teacher allotment check has been delivered to PES
- Virginia corporation fees have been paid for the year
- Discussed funding concerns for the remainder of the school year due to some revenues coming in under budget this year
 - Discussed outstanding items in the expense budget and noted most, if not all, of the Field Day, Mileage Club, PEF Grant and Art and Music Night budget will not be used. Also, copy paper expense should not exceed \$100 this year.
 - Jenny noted we also expect revenue not originally budgeted from the Color Run (both donations + spiritwear sales at the event)
 - Erika noted the need to take a very close look at the budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Need to know exactly what we are fundraising for and make sure expense budget items are up-to-date
 - Erika questioned if the By-Laws mention a certain % of funds raised by the PTO that are to go directly back to students vs. teachers, etc. Elizabeth consulted her copy of the By-Laws and there are no such specific references, but all agreed allocation of money should be evaluated
 - Erika noted next year's budget will need to consider inflation - Assemblies and Bag it Books costs, amongst others, have all gone up this year
 - Discussed soliciting teacher input for budget line items (is there a need for field trip cost assistance for example?)
 - Elizabeth suggested next year, teachers receive a sign-up for a teacher representative at the PTO meetings to offer first-hand feedback. Maybe not separate grade-level representatives as at PPS, but a rotating schedule for a teacher present at each meeting
- Bobbi noted reminding the teachers that suggestions or questions can always be sent in to the PES PTO Facebook Page and the PTO has an e-mail address (discussed this is not being regularly monitored as of now, but Elizabeth shared the log-in information with Erika and she will monitor the e-mail while doing her Treasurer reports)

Fundraising and Spirit Nights, Jenny Defendeifer

- The Fundraising Company (sneaker fundraiser)
 - Additional ~50 acceptable shoes from Bean's Spirit Night, bringing total to approx. 400
 - Jenny noted continued problem with unacceptable shoes coming in - flip flops / non-hiking boots / shoes with heels / ripped / torn / poor condition
 - Post-Color Run, there will be another big push for shoe donations from PES students
 - Jenny is reaching out to other community groups to help advertise and accept donations at their local events to try to wrap-up this effortReminder that we will raise \$1,500 when we collect 700 pairs
- Color Run set for Saturday, April 15 from 4-6pm (3:30-4pm registration)
 - Goal was \$5,000 - to date, \$5,646 donations have been raised and the PTO will receive 50% of this as profit (must raise \$7,500 in order for the PTO to receive 60%)From PES, only 83 students are participating as of now + 3 "other" participants (likely parents or siblings). This turnout is disappointing and discussed that timing is likely not ideal (Saturday has many conflicts, immediately following cookie-dough fundraiser, Spring Sport fundraisers rolled out at the same time, etc.).
 - Jenny confirmed this is a rain or shine event - planning for 10 laps for both PPS and PES
 - PES is very short on volunteers based on the Sign-Up Genius
 - Discussed registration / check-in procedures as well as additional items needed
 - Jenny suggested this as a Fall fundraiser in the future and on a Friday night vs. Saturday
 - A committee is needed (1 PPS and 1 PES Chair is not enough). A larger planning group could make this a much more "full-scale event" with food truck(s), etc.Elizabeth noted PES PTO could try to get the retail sales tax exemption on file with Costco, BJ's or other larger local vendors to make it easier for volunteers to buy supplies and still take advantage of the tax exemption

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- Spirit Nights
 - Bean's Ice Cream
 - Raised \$100 from Bean's + ~\$650 in swag / spiritwear sales
 - Drawing for Bean's Gift Cards ("raffle tickets" were given to shoe donors) - Heather Forestierre + Gail Foray were winners and Jenny will deliver gift cards
 - Anna's Spirit Night (Final Spirit Night for this year)
 - Scheduled for April 19th - 5-9pm (Jenny is re-confirming the times and will publish on flyers to go home with students)
 - Discussed potential swag sales or shoe collections, but determined this will be a Restaurant Spirit Night only with no PTO table set up

Field Day

Discussed PTO donation of popsicles to the event (covered under Field Day budget line item)

Hospitality, Christy Hatchett (unable to attend)

- Thank-you notes were read from a teacher who expressed appreciation for Hospitality efforts
 - No report was received on plans for April / May / June Hospitality Events
- No report was received on plans for Teacher Appreciation Week

Spirit Wear, Roxanne Overby (unable to attend)

No report

Newsletter, Allyson Dye

- Submission deadline is April 15
- Questioned if newsletter continues to be useful - unanimous consensus, the newsletter should continue as members in attendance noted they read and use every issue

5th Grade Fun Night, Cathy Burroughs (unable to attend) & Kristen Jones

- Post-Meeting Update - The May 19th date will be rescheduled to move closer to year-end and post-SOLs. Updated date will be published when confirmed.
 - Erika suggested setting up a sensory area - 1 classroom in 3rd grade pod for example - a quiet area including coloring pages. Noted Cathy & Kristen will consult with special education teacher for any other ideas or suggestions
 - Discussion about photo release and noted specific photo release authorization will be obtained through the student permission slip. Permission slip will also include good contact phone number + authorized pickup person(s) who must show photo ID at pickup
 - Consider a selfie station with blow up 2-0-3-0 balloons as well as trying to take a class picture. Last year, they organized the class photo using an announcement over the PA + portable megaphone (which is already on hand at PES) and it was successful
- Reminder to have students wear their 5th grade t-shirt (already provided by the PTO)

Assemblies and Book in a Bag, Lorrie Challoner (unable to attend)

- Book in a Bag will be on Thursday, April 13 and will start at 9am - all will be done in 1 day
 - Books have been sorted, and will be displayed in categories for easy browsing
 - Thank you to Jenny, Kristen and Bobbi for volunteering to help
- Assemblies
 - Corey the Dribbler to be held on April 27 (2 assemblies, 45 minutes each) starting at 1pm
 - DARE curriculum is available for Grades 3-5
 - Waiting on date options with Officer Biggs
 - Curriculum speaks to the importance of words that are used and what's considered threatening in addition to drugs / strangers / DARE

Adjourned: 8:11pm, Elizabeth Jones, President

Next meeting on Wednesday, May 3 at 6pm