

## Parkside Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Monday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Members in Attendance:** Jen Barlow, Brooke Orozco, Amberly Herbst, Keely Solberg, Jennifer Rice, Shana Emberton, Liz Tomera, Heather Jobe, Elizabeth Hoffman, Ra'Nelle Hartless, Lindsey Delahunt, Rachel Kullman, Jamie Zimmerman, Kara Burch, Dawn Haynes, Beth Heikkila, Thomas Hartless, MaryAnn Ross, Angie Brown, Natalie Hoerr, Janine Lunzer, Lace Mandrell, Laura Welp

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Beth Heikkila. The minutes from May 2019 meeting were reviewed by members in attendance, for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Liz Tomera and was seconded by Ra'Nelle Hartless, motion carried.

**Presidents' report:** Welcome to a new school year! Looking forward to all the new year and what it has in store for us. The Welcome packet coming home on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

**Treasurer's Report:** Budget discussion and approval has been held until our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Teacher's Report:** The teachers are excited to start the new year!

**New Business/Open Discussion:** **Jen Barlow** is our go-to for Infinite campus. Thanks for your patience and the school rolls out this new system. It has been a learning curve for everyone, but the staff is making great progress each day. Please reach out to the administration if you have any questions or need help. **Box Tops** has a new app and we are all excited about how easy it is to raise money for our school. You can scan shopping receipts or clip box tops and send into the PTO mailbox. Our goal for the year is \$1,000! **CAC (Citizen Action Committee)** is still looking for a second member of the team. This is a Wednesday night commitment and typically last about an hour. It is a great way to become acquainted with your local school board and administration. **Family nights** – we are all set and ready for a wonderful year of family nights. First up is the September 19th Community Partners Night. **Penguin Glow Run** – Save the dates: November 6-15th. Get ready for our event to begin, please be thinking about your ability to provide a family sponsorship or solicit a local business sponsorship. **Restaurant Nights** – Our penguin bellies will be full at our restaurant nights. Join us on September 18th from 4-8pm at Portillo's. Be sure to add our restaurant nights to your weekly meal planning schedule. **Hospitality** – Our Back to School Brunch for teachers will be 9/12. Please look for the sign-up genius to help out. **IMC** – Volunteering in the IMC is a great way to help out the school and get to know the students. We had a wonderful response from volunteers this year most all classes are filled. Contact Angie Brown if you are interested in volunteering. All volunteers do require a background check. **SCRIP** – Our gift card program, SCRIP allows you to do your typical shopping and help earn money for the school by using a SCRIP gift card. You spend the same amount of money, but Parkside PTO earns a percentage of what you spend. For more information, contact Angie Brown. **Landscaping** – we are always looking for volunteers to help us with this. **Room Parents and School parties** – Our first school party will be held on 10/31. Please be on the lookout for the volunteer sign-up. **Student Experiences** – Each grade will be allowed to apply for funds to support an in-class room or out-of-room experience. The amount per class has been increased this year, and we hope that each class can engage in a wonderful experience or field trip. **Penguin Patch Holiday Shop** – Let your kiddos do their own holiday shopping for the family right here at school. This wonderful program also provides kick-backs for the school through a rewards program. Last year we were able to supply nine new sports balls for recess, four new board games for in-door recess and 60+ expo markers (a high demand!). **School Supply Kits** – When planning for the 2020-2021 school year, save yourself some time, money and energy by purchasing a School Supply Kit. Order forms will come home in May 2020. **Student directory** – Each year, the PTO provides a digital student directory, and we will work with our new Infinite Campus program to see if this will be possible this year. Thanks for your patience! **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gift** – This is a wonderful gift for our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We look forward to hearing what this year's gift will be. **NCWHS Homecoming Parade** – Permission slips will be sent home to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the coming weeks. Students must have a signed permission slip to participate in the homecoming parade on 9/11/19. And please check the route if you live in the neighborhood between Gregory and College/Parkside and Garden.

CONGRATS TO **Keely Solberg** FOR WINNING THE DOOR PRIZE! WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR TREAT!

**Adjourn** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Liz Tomera and seconded by Angie Brown. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36. **See you at the next meeting 9/9/2019 @ 6:30.**