

**PTO General Meeting Minutes**  
**Boyce Middle School**  
**January 10, 2018**  
**9:30AM**

The January 10, 2018 General Meeting of the Boyce Middle School PTO was called to order by Stacey Cobb at 9:40 AM in the Boyce Middle School LGI. Secretary Penney Miller recorded the proceedings. Eleven (11) people attended including the following executive committee members: Stacey Cobb, Katy Loomis, Daniel O'Rourke, Jennifer Schnore, Prema Sridaran, and Penney Miller.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the November 2017 PTO meeting were read (silently) and both approved. Meeting minutes will be posted on the PTO website.

Statement of the Treasurer- Prema Sridaran reported that the PTO had a beginning cash balance of \$34,101.09 as of 11/07/2017. PTO income from 11/07/2017 to 1/09/2018 totaled \$3481.56 and PTO payments for the same period totaled \$5226.54.

The PTO checking balance as of 1/09/2018 is \$32,356.11. The treasurer's statement is attached. Deer Valley—The account just earned \$1.87 interest during the period.

Beth Gardner moved to authorize the Treasurer to pay the bills. Susan Coyle seconded the motion. The motion was approved by verbal vote.

Correspondence- Penney Miller read notes of thanks for the staff appreciation luncheon from Mrs. Hoedeman and Mrs. Perry.

Reports

- Executive Committee
  - President- Stacey Cobb.
    - Mrs. Cobb presented the following updates:
      - Thank you for all coming today
      - Directories have gone home. Please let Stacey know if you didn't get your directory.
      - Yearbooks have gone out. Let Stacey know if you didn't get yours
      - Boyce is hosting PTC meeting on Feb 7 at 9:30am in LGI.
      - Boyce PTO is starting the search for next year's committee chairs. If interested, please contact Stacey Cobb or Jen Schnore.
      - The next general meeting of the Boyce PTO will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30am in the LGI.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Jen Schnore. Mrs. Schnore had nothing to report.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Dan O'Rourke. Mr. O'Rourke shared the following:

- Thank you for coming
- Thanks to PTO for sponsoring the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Mr. O'Rourke commented the luncheon was well planned and done. The staff appreciated it.
- The Boyce administration hosted a staff breakfast the day before break. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus sang, and the staff enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange.
- For details on the following items, see Dr. O'Rourke's letter on the Boyce website, <https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/cms/lib/PA01000033/Centricity/Domain/322/January%20Principal%20letter%202018.pdf>
  - Mrs. Hoedemann's Calc-u-Solv group placed first and second in both the individual and team competitions.
  - Boyce students donated and wrapped over 700 Friendship Shoeboxes to be given to the less fortunate in Washington County—WPXI Channel 11 news did a report on this outreach.
  - Boyce Student Council collected and donated 340 boxes of cereal to South Hill Interfaith Movement (SHIM). One recipient from Afghanistan wants to send a flag to kids to show his appreciation to the students for the donation.
  - Administration continues to spruce up the hallways by hanging new wall banners and decals. Mr. O'Rourke thanked the PTO for approving the wall decals that promote growth mindset.
- Board Advisor- Katy Loomis. Mrs. Loomis had nothing to report.
- Teacher Representative- Matt Henderson.
  - Mr. Henderseon thanked Mrs. Deep (STEAM Mom) for organizing a supply drive for the STEAM cart.
  - Mr. Henderseon thanked the PTO for money to be used to replace Humming Bird robotics parts. The parts will be ordered from CMU and are used for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Kennywood ride project to teach computer science and robotics.
  - A Deer Valley Informational meeting will be held on January 18 at 7:00PM. Parents can register their child prior to the meeting at 6:30pm.
  - Mrs. Schetley reported that 150 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 110 6<sup>th</sup> graders were trying out for the Spring school musicals.
  - Boyce Revolutionary War Day will take place on Jan 26. Organizers are asking the PTO for parents to help Mrs. Criner with baking Revolutionary War Cookies with the kids. Help is needed throughout the day. Mr. O'Rourke added Revolutionary War Day is a full day of activities for 5<sup>th</sup> graders including a special visit from "fur traders" this year.
  - Mrs. Husak—Battle of the Books revealed. Team sign up forms are due Friday, Jan 12. The competition for 6<sup>th</sup> will be in the morning and for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, in the afternoon.

- Mrs. Fleckenstein has been using the STEAM carts in Challenge and said the carts have been wonderful for her. She thanked PTO for this gift.
- Mr. Dudley thanked everyone for the successful cookie sale after the Chorus Concert last money. Out of 700 cookies, only 67 cookies were left by the end of the end. The money earned will be used to purchase uniforms and more supplies for The Shop@Boyce. Mr. Dudley thanked Mrs. Criner and Mrs. Husak for their helped and reported the kids really enjoyed the activity.

### Special Guest

- School Board- Amy Billerbeck
  - The USC school board reorganized in early December as required by law.
    - There are 3 new board members: Dante Plutko, Jennifer Bowen, and Daphna Gans.
    - Outgoing board members are: Buffy Hasco, Frank Kerber, and Harry Kunselman.
    - The board composition is now 5 women and 4 men and has a large disparity of experience.
  - Fast Track curriculum recommendations were made last night.
  - Mrs. Billerbeck provided an update on the Capital Projects. Bids will be received by the end of January. At that time, they will assess if the district is able to afford the 2<sup>nd</sup> use pool. A 2<sup>nd</sup> use pool would be used for diving and for special needs because of the ability to control the water temperature. Mrs. Billerbeck re-iterated other improvements including the addition of Restroom and Changing facilities to the athletic field at Boyce

### Standing & Reporting Committees/Reporting Organizations

- Apples for Students- Beth Hujzak—420 current supporters, and 620 points in the account.
- Band Parents- Cindy DeLo, Mandy Thomas, Rhoda Smith. Concert held on Dec 6 for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students was a success.
- Box Tops- Amy Shegan. A total of \$475 was raised in fall. Next collection: Feb 1- 21. An eAlert will be forthcoming.
- Boyce Pride- Michelle Mandler, Danielle Pirain. No report. Mr. O'Rourke commented that Tina Vojtko comes to Boyce to recognize Boyce students by posting the Boyce Pride Recipients on the Boyce website and sometimes, the USCS district website, each month.
- Chess Club- Batoool Nulwala, Chair. Mrs. Nulwala provided the following update via email and read by Mrs. Cobb:
  - Chess club —40 participants; 6 girls, 34 boys. 4-5 High School Mentors
  - Parents paid \$10/student for joining the club
  - Club spent \$204 for Tournament and Pizza party including 3 trophies, ribbons for participation for everyone, pizza from Ardolino's, soda pop, and party supplies. Gift cards were given to HS mentors for their help.

- Mrs. Nulwala is willing to lead a Spring Chess club in March or April. Mrs. Cobb thanked Mrs. Nulwala for running a successful program.
- Orchestra- Prema Sridaran, Mondeep Puri. Ms. Sridaran reported:
  - Orchestra concert was Dec 7 and went well.
  - Orchestra also performed at PPG Wintergarden from 5:30-6:30pm on Dec 10. There was a good turn-out and all had an excellent time.
  - Orchestra practice starts this week.
  - March concert for all students; May concert for Boyce and Fort Couch.
- Read for a Reason- Jill Spencer. Information packets are ready and will be sent home with the children on Thursday. Reading starts Jan 14 (Sunday) and runs through Jan 22 (Monday). Mrs. Sidaran also added that this activity is school fundraiser in which the student council decides what they want to do for the school with the earned money.
- Spelling Bee- Haneet Laffin. Mrs. Laffin reported through email read by Mrs. Cobb that:
  - A written test will be administered on Tuesday, Jan 16 during Pride Time.
  - The actual Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday Jan 30 at 5:30pm with a snow make-up date of January 31.
  - Mrs. Husak will be the pronouncer for both the written exam and oral spelling bee.
- Spirit Night- Rachele Engel. Another Chipotle night will be held in March. A date has not been set yet.
- Spirit Wear- Heather Ziegler. Susan Coyle reported the fall sale went well. Mrs. Sidaran reported that Spirit Wear sale made a \$500 profit.
- Staff Appreciation- Michelle Mandler. Staff appreciation luncheon went very well. The Pay pal account worked really well to raise around \$400. Sign-Up Genius worked well to organize volunteers. One more event is scheduled for the spring.
- Youth Steering- Amy Billerbeck
  - A program will be presented on January 10 called Adolescence and Vaping. The Upper St. Clair police are also involved in the presentation.

Unfinished Business. There was no unfinished business.

#### New Business

Melissa Waldron brought up idea of adding a donation link on next email for staff appreciation. Mrs. Cobb responded that our Pay Pal link that was provided on the last email for the Boyce's staff appreciation luncheon raised around \$400. So, web links do work out really well and thanked Mrs. Waldron for her suggestion.

An announcement was made by Mr. O'Rourke that the Boyce Bash in its current form will not take place this year. Mr. O'Rourke commented on the amount of planning and preparation for the event is too consuming for one teacher. There is also concern over adequate supervision of students, even with the hiring of two security guards for the event. When someone asked if more volunteers could be found to help, Mrs. Loomis pointed out last year they had IB students earning hours and Parent Volunteers. Mrs. Loomis also commented that event had changed a lot in the 3 years

since it began and has been very successful at raising money (\$4000K last year). Mr. O'Rourke said Mr. Gremba is pursuing other avenues for Boyce students to earn money for community charities (e.g., Miracle League) including working with Mr. Henderson to plan a STEAM Night/Boyce Bash (with different name) event for the late spring. Mr. O'Rourke said Mr. Gremba is pursuing other avenues for Boyce students to earn money for community charities (e.g., Miracle League) including working with Mr. Henderson to plan a STEAM Night/Boyce Bash (with different name) event for the late spring.

Finally, Amy Billerbeck said because the Youth Steering Committee hosts the Fall Blast and Spring Fling, perhaps they could connect with Mr. Gremba about hosting such events.

The next meeting of the PTO will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Penney Miller

Date Approved: May 23, 2018

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**Treasurer's Report**

**PTO Checking Account**

**Beginning checking cash balance as of 11/07/17: \$34,101.09**

**PTO Income from 11/07/17 to 01/09/18**

11/16/17 Chess Club Registration \$ 360.00  
11/16/17 Spirit Wear Sales \$ 2851.00  
11/21/17 Chess Club Registratation \$ 40.00  
12/12/17 Spirit Night- Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser \$ 230.56

**PTO Payments from 11/07/17 to 01/09/18**

1165 Jostens for the purchase of yearbooks for 2017-2018 for school \$174.00  
1167 Deposit for DJ Steve Maffei for 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party \$50.00  
1168 Heather Ziegler for printing Spirit Wear Flyers \$17.52  
1169 Deoana Dreher for October Staff appreciation breakfast \$67.50  
1170 Amy Barrie for Display cases \$17.10  
1171 Haneet Laffin for printing Spelling Bee Flyers \$31.57  
1172 Stephane Fitchner for October Staff appreciation breakfast \$32.51  
1173 Petrinis Promos for Spirit Wear Purchase \$2353.40  
1174 Commonwealth of PA to renew PTO registration as public charity \$15.00  
1175 Image 360 – Gift to School for Wall Decals in Boyce MS \$1134.18  
1176 Melissa Stalder for Gudiance-shipping of Halloween Candies to the troops \$210.50  
1178 Stephanie Fitchner for December Staff Appreciation Luncheon \$332.30  
1179 Prema Sridaran for Orchestra Field trip to Wintergarden on 12/10/17 \$86.79  
1180 Amy Antonio for guidance \$500.00  
1181 Batool Nulwala for Chess club wrap up party \$204.17

**Total PTO checking balance as of 01/09/18: \$32,356.11**

**Deer Valley Account**

**Beginning Money Market cash balance as of 11/07/17: \$ 16,553.68**

**Dear Valley Income from 11/07/17 to 01/09/18**

11/30/17 Interest \$0.95  
12/29/17 Interest \$0.92

**Deer Valley Payments from 11/07/17 to 01/09/18**

No payments

**Total Deer Valley Money Market Balance as of 01/09/18: \$ 16,555.55**