

Peck Place School PTO Minutes
May 10th, 2023
7:00PM Virtual

1. Call to Order/ Pledge lead by Tricia Lasto at 7 PM
2. Teacher's Report - No Teacher present
3. Principal's Report - Mrs. Lasto

Thank you to Shannon and the entire TAW committee for all of their hard work this week. Our entire staff is feeling loved and appreciated. Thank you to all parents that have supported TAW this week.

Happy Nurses week to Amy, our nurse. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and awesome nurse at our school.

Sixth grade raffle is going well. Lots of winners winning gift cards.

SBA testing is over but some are unfinished so you may hear your child discussing that they are still testing. Please don't panic if the test scores aren't what you would like to see. All of the kids did amazing.

End of the year benchmark assessments have begun and will go through the 18th. These are the tests she cares about. These are the tests that show growth and progression in our curriculum.

Events list in the Press should be your go to these days as we approach the end of the year, many dates and times will be added.

Author visit coming Monday for grades 4-6.

Clothing policy. All clothing must be acceptable for school. Please discuss the importance of dressing appropriately at school with your child. No pockets sticking out of shorts, no super short shorts. Please don't be offended if she calls you to discuss your child's clothing. She does this for the best interest of all students and staff.

4. Officer's Reports

President's Report - Anastasia Ganim

Thank you everyone for attending all of the screen free events last week.

Adopt a reader, thank you to Dawn coordinating and to all the volunteers that read to the students.

Volunteer appreciation dinner will be June 8th at Ola. \$38 for meal and gratuity. Any volunteers are welcome. Please register at the link provided in the chat or the panther press.

Thank you to those board members that will be moving on to middle school and beyond. Thank you for your time and commitment over the years. Thank you to Katie, Dawn, Rabia and Cindy.

Vice President's Report - Katie Scheibel

We are still looking for volunteers and chair positions for Fall of 2023. Please take a look at the sign up for available positions.

Treasurer's Report - Mindy Adams

Some of the income that we have taken in over the last month was membership dues, amazon smile chips dinner, square 1 art, small town, box tops, spirit wear, yearbook, and butterfly kisses.

Some of the money that has been spent has been chips, book fair (a wash), adopt a reader, 3rd grade funds, room parent funds, TAW, screen free week, and 1st grade buses for field trip.

Parliamentarian's Report - Anastasia Ganim

Dawn was not present so Anastasia presented the vote for the new 23/24 executive board members. All paid members of the PTO are able to cast a vote. Vote was cast and the vote passed with the following parents and positions:

President = Anastasia Ganim and Rozina Jaser

VP = Nikki Coppola and Ericka Higgins

Treasurer = Mindy Adams

Assistant Treasurer = Erin Kowalewski

Corresponding Secretary = Kristi McCarthy

Recording Secretary = Dianna Fuehrlein and Uma Ramasamy

Parliamentarian = Courtney Marchese

Board of Ed Rep = Miriam Nerecan and Jamaira Quiles

Secretary Report - Anastasia Ganim

Review of last month's minutes. First approval by Kristi, and second by Katie, all in favor was 18 present at the time.

Board of Education Report - Cindy Feliconio

Scarpetti discussed the budget and that they are asking for a 3.37% increase over last year's budget. Tonight is the town meeting and on May 17th there will be a referendum vote at High Plains Community Center for all Orange residents to vote.

Russo discussed that the focus right now in curriculum is testing and mentioned the potential for a new staff position in the future. That position would be a high dosage math tutor for those students in 6th grade. She mentioned they have applied for a grant for an additional social worker in town, as we currently only have one for the four schools.

Tricia Lasto added that the district has applied for a grant for the first two weeks of June for summer learning and they are waiting to hear back about that. She understands parents need to

plan but they have to wait to hear before letting us know about that. This would be a two year grant.

5. Committee Reports/Updates

- 23-24 Executive Board Vote
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Shannon LeGault
 - She has heard great feedback so far. Thanked all those parents that have given their time or donated items this week. Monday was breakfast. Big thank you to Chips for the pancakes. Tuesday was chair massages and the envelopes went out for teachers and staff rto enter to win prizes. Wednesday was a pizza truck and cupcakes from Icing on the Cake bakery. Thursday will be a cake from Scarpetti and concession stand snacks. Friday will be a candy bar.
 - Tricia added a thank you to all volunteers that came this week to cover recess duties for the teachers.
- Talent Show - Anastasia
 - Putting in a plug for the talent show. It'll be Friday the 12th at 6:30. It is free to attend and there will be snacks available to purchase there. We currently have 30 acts performing.
- Art Show - Anastasia
 - Will be May 31st 5-7 PM at the school. Will be gallery style, like it was last year. Dr. Jalil is looking for many different volunteers to set up for the event, and for help the night of. All of this information has gone out to parents in the press. It is possible we may have an ice cream truck instead of snacks in the library like we did last year.
- Volunteers for 23-24 Committees - Was covered in the secretary report.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Announcements

Motion and approval to adjourn, all in favor was 17.