

RS Payne Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

A meeting of the RS Payne Elementary PTO was held on September 12, 2016. In attendance were the following people: Trish Pabis, Cindy Tolle, Brentz East, Jennifer Mann, Eliana Lobb, Sheri Quinones, Veronica Daniels, Leslie Salazar, Eric Holcomb and Liz Dop.

President Sheri Quinones offered a brief welcome to everyone and introductions were made among those present as a sign-in sheet was circulated for all to sign. Next, a motion was made by President Quinones to approve the August meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Principal's Report: None offered, as Mr. Blakely was unable to attend the meeting. On Principal Blakely's behalf, President Quinones mentioned that there is an opening for an interested parent to serve on the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council as a representative of RS Payne. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let President Quinones know. Meetings are typically held on Thursdays at 7 pm at a central location, and tentative meeting dates are Oct. 20, Dec. 8, Feb. 23, and April 20.

Special Requests--Teachers/Staff: Ms. Kluender, the school librarian is bringing the AR program back to the school again, after a program hiatus of about two years. Ms. Kluender has submitted a PTO request for funds to assist with a re-launch of the AR program. Her request is for \$1825.93. These funds would cover incentive prizes for the students to include any combination of the following: recognition ribbons, pencils, pencil grips, and pencil sharpeners, stickers, award medals, etc. Kluender has already purchased over \$1000 worth of incentive prizes using Scholastic Book dollars earned during the spring book fair, but feels that additional purchases need to be made to have adequate supplies for the entire school year. Discussion ensued among the group about this request--although the PTO does have extra funds (roughly @ \$4000) to spend at present, what priority should this request be given? Should Ms. Kluender's request be funded in full, partially, or not at all?

There was some discussion about whether students, depending on grade level, are more apt to appreciate trinkets/small prizes or incentive rewards/experiences based on achieving their AR goals (perhaps set by each student's teacher based on their individual reading capabilities). Treasurer Pabis also reminded everyone that Ms. Kluender would like for AR funding to become an eventual line item in the PTO budget, if the program is going to continue year-to-year--an additional consideration, regarding funding of the program, at present, and into the future as well.

It was decided that Treasurer Pabis would have further conversation with Ms. Kluender regarding the comments, concerns, and thoughts shared at this meeting, and for now, a vote on this particular request for funding would be tabled and revisited at our next PTO meeting in October.

Ms. Monday, our new school nurse, has requested funds to purchase 3 first aid kits for field trips, at a likely cumulative cost between \$30-\$50. There was a motion to approve this request; it was seconded and carried.

Other "Housekeeping" Items: If you plan to volunteer at school this year in any capacity or attend field trips as a chaperone with your child, it is necessary to fill out and submit an on-line volunteer registration form on lcsedu.net. Screenings and approvals are typically handled very quickly.

Please remember to register your Kroger Plus card with RS Payne so that we may be a designated beneficiary of the Kroger Community Rewards program. This is an easy way to generate money for our school, and the PTO will receive quarterly checks from Kroger--these dollars truly add up over the course of the school year. Feel free to recruit friends and family to participate in this program as well. When you go on-line to register your card with Kroger, look for either our school by name (RS Payne Elementary School) or enter our school identification code: 90868. If you have any questions about how to register this card with the rewards program, please contact a member of the PTO Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FUNDRAISING: A restaurant night fundraiser, Breakfast After Dark, is tentatively scheduled for October 18 at a TBD Biscuitville location. Stay tuned for further details about the event.

Attraction Book sales are currently underway and orders will be taken until Sept. 16. To date, \$360.00 has been received in Attraction Book sales.

A schoolstore.com fundraiser will be launched on Oct. 3. This fundraiser provides an easy way to purchase or replenish school supplies for your child and assist our PTO in fundraising efforts (the school receives payouts/dividends from cumulative purchases through this site). Volunteers will be needed to stuff flyers regarding this fundraiser into the teacher's mailboxes for further distribution to students/parents. Please let Trish Pabis know if you are interested in helping with distribution of these flyers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pabis provided a summary sheet and updated budget spreadsheet for review. Pabis also provided a STREAM lab update regarding donation intake to date. As of 09/07/16, \$8900 in donations have been received to fund the STREAM lab. Pledged donations, not received as of yet, total \$1,100.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: There are still some unfilled PTO Board positions for the year: Vice President, Candy Cane Clubhouse Chair, Silent Auction Co-chair, and Fundraising Chair/Restaurant Night Coordinator. Please let President Quinones know if you or anyone you may know has an interest in filling any of these positions.

With no further business or announcements to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and carried. As such, the meeting was adjourned. The next PTO meeting will be **Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 6:30 pm at RS Payne, meeting room TBD.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Cindy Tolle, Recording Secretary
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