

# Patriot Oaks PTO Meeting Minutes

10/5/2015 ~ 9:15 a.m.

Patriot Oaks Academy Room 404

## Attendance:

Board Members: Robyn Lilac, Amy Mendheim, Aimee DeCaria, Jenny Mahne, Jenn Neuman. PTO Members signed in on membership list. Thank you to our School Board representative and PTO member, Beverly Slough and Community Contributor partner Janet Gonzales from Huntington Learning Center for joining us today!

## Call to Order:

A meeting of the Patriot Oaks PTO was held in Room 404 of Patriot Oaks Academy on Monday, October 5, 2015. President Robyn Lilac called the meeting to order at 9:16 am. Jenny Mahne will record minutes for this meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes:** from August 17, 2015: Kristen Blausey made a motion to approve the minutes from May. Jen Hughes second. All in favor. Minutes approved.

## Reports:

### ❖ President's Report

- Chargerthon overview – in response to parent feedback from our survey last year, PTO created our own Chargerthon this year in lieu of using a third party for a fun run day.
  - Oct. 5 – 16
  - No third party – all proceeds go directly to the school.
  - Teachers and admin are in favor of this because it allows us to limit classroom interruptions and not lose an entire day of instruction.
  - Our hope is not to waste money on small prizes, but instead have around 15 prizes to be drawn at the end of the week for students who participate.
  - At end of week each student who has brought in \$200 in donations will be put in a drawing for the larger prizes.
  - Packets will be sent home at end of day today (October 5<sup>th</sup>) Donations can be made through the PTO WEBSITE on the Chargerthon Page.
  - Teachers will be receiving 10% of their classroom pledges back to be used as needed in their classrooms.
  
- Reminder to vote on half cent sales tax referendum!
  - 10/5 - last day to register to vote.
  - 10/24 -10/31 – early voting.
  - 11/3 – election day.
  - Handouts available and information on district website (top right link)
  - \*\*Beverly Slough shared an overview of what the referendum covers and reminded TODAY is the last day to register to vote in order to participate in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> vote. \*\*Early voting at Flora Branch from October 24 – 31st
  
- Patriot Oaks Academy Teacher of the Year – Ms. Grimes (Kindergarten)

- Patriot Oaks Academy Rookie Teacher of the Year – Ms. Cipolla (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- Amazon Smile – is a new Kickback program for Patriot Oaks.
  - Must log in through smile.amazon.com
  - PTO receives 5% of purchases
- Ms. Partos is in need of 5 parents to help her cut cardboard for a project on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – Noon in room 700. Contact Ms. Partos if you are able to help. Bring a box cutter if you have one.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Oct. 5 – Oct. 16 Chagerthon
  - Oct. 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting, 6-7pm, South Amenity Center Social Hall
  - Oct. 6 – ESE Parent Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 – 7:30pm, School Board Auditorium
  - Oct. 15 – Zaxby’s Spirit Night (Bartram Park)
  - Oct. 19 – No School
  - Oct. 21 – Unity Day, Anti-bullying, wear ORANGE!
  - Oct. 22 & 23 – Fall Pictures – they will be done outdoors this year
  - Oct. 26 – 30 – Red Ribbon Week
  - Oct. 28 – Spirit Stick Cafeteria Sale
  - POA Volleyball – Mondays & Wednesday through Oct., check calendar
  - Nov. 1 – Daylight Savings
  - Nov. 5 – FSA Informational Parent Meeting, 6:30- 8:00 p.m. (Testing information)
    - Other locations offered throughout district, list located on district website
  - Nov. 10 – Veteran’s Day Observed at POA – there will be a
  - Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day, No School
  - Nov. 23 – Picture Retake Day
  - Nov. 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Break
  - Dec. 3 – 11 – Holiday Shop
  - Dec. 4 – Spirit Stick Cafeteria Sale
  - Dec. 21 – Jan. 5 – Winter Break, dismissal 1 hour early on Dec 18
  - \*\*\*More information to come about Family Photo Session fund-raiser.
- ❖ Treasurer (Robyn Lilac for Tonya Porter)
  - Gave overview of current balance as of this date:
    - Main operating account – \$60,435.85
    - Total Book Fair Sales for this Fall - \$18,826.97 – the bulk of this money comes back to the school as Scholastic Dollars to build our library. A small portion will be taken as cash for the teachers to purchase needed grade level/classroom materials that are available outside of Scholastic.
    - Movie Night was successful – it brought in \$1,137.19 from food sales and drawings. Thank you!

- IXL, Accelerated Reader, and Raz Kids are our biggest expenditures.

❖ Membership Update

- Membership Drive Runs through October 31st
- Last year, we had 376 members in our first year as a school, our goal for this year was to get 462 considering our growth and the addition of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We currently have 314 members. We have a long way to go to meet our membership goal. Please share with friends and neighbors who may not have joined the PTO.

❖ New Business/Committee Reports:

- Historian – (Amy Kaminsky):
  - Please send any pictures or docs that should be included in our end-of-the-year book to AKAMINSKY74@GMAIL.COM.
- Red Ribbon Week – (Allison Walter):
  - October 26 – 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Similar to last year – dress up everyday
    - Monday – Reddy set go (wear red)
    - Tuesday - Hats off to healthy choices (wear hats)
    - Wednesday - You can't hide great character (wear camo)
    - Thursday - Keep your dreams in focus (wear silly glasses or sunglasses)
    - Friday - Get wild about Health (Shirt with an animal on it or animal print)
  - Door decorating contest again this year
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee (Jenn Neuman/Jenny Mahne)
  - Any parents who are interested in helping with 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, please join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at the Durbin Crossing South Amenities Center from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

❖ Questions And Comments:

- Question arose about Key card program – PTO did not print key cards this year because the participation from businesses was low and it did not make sense to incur the cost of printing the key tags. The remaining businesses that are participating in the discount program this year, should take word of mouth to honor the discount.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

***Monday, January 11, 2016 – 9:15 a.m.*** meeting at **Durbin Crossing South Social Amenities**

Submitted by,  
Jenny Mahne  
Recording Secretary  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_