



Agenda: Nottingham Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting

Wednesday November 2, 2016 5:30 pm

Attendees: Kelly Beatty, Jen Hoskovec, Brook Vescovo, Jamie Hons, Kate Potter, Mr. Moore, Mr. Glover, Gina Keith, Leslie Schoenfield, Nickie Haine, Michelle Pendleton, Cassie McClung, Carrie George, Karen Smith, Tara Cunningham-Baker and Mary Hoffman

- I. Call to Order - as 5:41 pm Jen Hoskovec
- II. Minutes Kelly Beatty
  - a. A motion of approve the last minutes from the general membership meeting held on September 14, 2016 was made. Brooke Vescovo made the first motion of approve such minutes. Cassie McClung seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report Rebecca Cruse - was given by Jen Hoskovec
  - a. The full budget can be found on the PTA website
    - i. Beginning Balance 09/14/2016 \$51,330.33
    - ii. Total Income 9/14-11/1 \$6,554.37
    - iii. Total Expenses 9/14-11/1 \$6,038.16
    - iv. Ending Balance 11/01/2016 \$51,846.54
    - v. Chase "Paypal" Account \$1,536.00
    - vi. Total Ending Cash 11/01/2016 \$53,382.54
- IV. Report of the Executive Board Kelly Beatty
  - a. Gave a brief summary of minutes from the last executive board meeting on September 15, 2016. Most will be covered in this meeting.
- V. Officer Reports PTA Executive Board Officers
  - a. Membership Jamie Hons
    - i. We received the Head Start Award since we exceeded last year's membership numbers.
    - ii. Yearbooks are now on sale. There is an App you can download in order to upload pictures to be used in the yearbook. We will also still be selling ads for the yearbook. More info on the pricing of such ads is still to come.

b. Fundraising

Gina Keith / Kate Potter/Brooke Vescovo

i. Kate Potter -

1. Box Tops has gone well. Submitted for \$361 from the last collection. We will have another contest collection in the Spring.
2. Grants have been submitted, but we are still waiting to hear back.
3. The metal yard signs will be available to purchase soon. Many people have been requesting where to purchase them.

ii. Gina Keith - (also helped by Leslie Schoenfeld)

1. Due to the "Robin Hood" recapture law, it is VERY important to raise funds for our school. We have been classified as being a district with more money, so funds will be diverted from us to less wealthy districts. There will be more information about this at the general membership meeting in December. It is very important that we understand how we will be affected.
2. Our fundraising goal for our check writing campaign is \$35,000. We have kick started the program with verbal pledges in the amount of \$25,000. So we are off to a good start. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. Please note that we ask that you make your donation through SBEF education foundation. They are willing to take on keeping track of receipts for us as they have the staff support to handle such task. A link will be sent out in the eblasts along as other places to make donating easy.

c. Programs

Brooke Vescovo

- i. Still need volunteers for Math and Science night.
- ii. Field day and the Wellness Fair went well.
- iii. Karen Smith said that the turnout for the Reflections contest was also good.
- iv. Pie giveaway is coming up as well.
- v. The SBEF Gala is coming up. We are donating an auction item of "The Pot of Gold" basket. It will contain scratch offs. Still need a few more donations to hit our goal of \$200 worth.

VI. Principal's Update

Mr. Moore

- a. There have not been a lot of changes. He does want to point out the importance of understanding how we will be affected by the Robin Hood Recapture. The money will be

diverted from our school. That is why it is important for our PTA to be able to raise funds for us. We are not in a position to have to have layoffs yet. We need to have parents and voters raise awareness and express their concerns!

- b. A new rating system will be put in place soon. Instead of meeting standards or needs improvement, the ratings will change to A, B, C or F. The guidelines as to how to obtain a certain rating have not been set out yet. It will be interesting to see what they come up with since comparing school to school is not like comparing apples to apples.
  - c. We just had our first Priority Standard Assessment (benchmark testing) about 2 weeks ago. More are to come.
  - d. We have 2 new hires. Hoda Abouheif and Gracie Quinonez. One woman from Catholic Charities and one woman from Egypt to help the students that speak Arabic.
  - e. We want to stay connected with all of our students and their families. We will be reaching out to those Sheffield Square Apartments soon.
  - f. Thank you to those donations for Power Hour. We are very grateful.
  - g. As of tomorrow, we will have 536 students.
- VII. Announcements Jen Hoskovec
- a. December 6th will be our next General Membership Meeting.
  - b. We will have a new electronic marquee going up over the Winter Break! We are currently waiting on permits. We had some leftover funds from the SPARK Park funds, and we were able to use some from the campus beautification fund.
- VIII. Program: Don't Stand By, Stand Up Lisa Holbrook - President Elect, Texas PTA
- IX. Adjourn - 7:17 pm Jen Hoskovec