

MINUTES

Thornebrooke PTO Board Meeting

Date | time 10/25/2019 / 09:17am | *Meeting called to order by* Dena Reyes – Co-president

In Attendance

Dena Reyes, Laura Van Baalen, Eve Pafford, Toniann Lentine, Jennifer Elzeer, Lynne Schaber, Jennifer Julian, Allison Taliaferro, Shelly Upchurch, Jussara Post, Liz Rusnak, Lisa Hiracheta, Marlee Jacquette, Denise Johnson, Kristine Skelin, Felicia Goodman, Christopher Daniels

Old Business

Dena welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 9:17. First order of business - approval of September Board Meeting minutes (9/27/19). Motion to approve by Marlee Jacquette. Seconded by Denise Johnson. All in favor. Minutes approved as presented.

Fun Run report

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fun Run! It was the most successful to date. We raised over \$50,000 to be spent directly at Thornebrooke. All feedback was positive about the obstacle course. We hope to do the same next year. With the money raised, we are looking to make campus improvements, such as adding big fans and a water bottle filling station to our P.E. pavilion. We originally thought we'd need to replace the shade over the green & tan playground, but Orange County will replace that. Jennifer pointed out that over \$7,000 went directly to teachers. 10% went to top grade level earning pledges, plus top 5% received an additional \$50. Teachers were very appreciative. In addition, Ms. Eastham offered to get painted by students because we met the 50 states incentive and Ms. Mustonen offered to be slimed.

Treasurer's Update

Jennifer distributed the budget and pointed out that October was a slow month for membership. We discussed an organization called Stars, which provides backpacks and supplies for students. PTO has historically given Stars a \$500 donation to support Thornebrooke students.

New Business

Jennifer is requesting that two of the budget line item be changed. She is proposing the following line item adjustments to the 2019-2020 TES PTO Budget (please see attached budget):

1. Membership Incentives – This line item was previously adjusted and voted on, but needs to be adjusted again. Request to increase line item to \$1600. This will cover ice cream social (classes with the highest percent of membership receive incentive lunch).
2. Family Fun Night – This line item was previously adjusted and voted on, but needs to be adjusted again. One outstanding check came in, so we need to increase the budget to cover additional expenses. Need to adjust line item to \$1080 in order to offset additional expenses.

The budget adjustments were motioned to be approved by Allison Taliaferro and seconded by Toniann Lentine. All in favor. Changes approved.

Committee Reports

- **Cashbacks** - Our first submission date is coming up on Nov. 1. Reminder to scan receipts in addition to submitting box tops. Suggestion given to push Amazon Smile before the holidays (Box Tops and Amazon Smile programs are featured in every PTO newsletter)
- **Red Ribbon Week** – Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Flyers go out next week. Monday – Wear Red, Tuesday – Sock it to drugs, Wednesday – Team up against drugs, Thursday – Hocus Pocus, stay in focus (students earned costumes), Friday – Jog past drugs.
- **Guardian Angels** – Food drive Nov. 4-8. Turkey jars will be given to teachers. Gobble up your change. All money will go to Guardian Angel students. Ms. Doris is retiring on Nov. 8. Ms. Angel Bodiford will take over the Guardian Angels program. Angel tree will be put up on Nov. 13.
- **Veteran’s Day** – Monday, Nov. 11th. Students can submit drawing/pictures of veterans to display on Honor Wall. On Nov. 7 in media center, students can write a letter to a veteran. On Monday, Nov. 11, students and staff wear red, white, and blue. Our Partner in Education, Fravel Brewer Orthodontics, is accepting Treats for Troops.

Principal's Report

- To start, Ms. Goodman shared a short video presentation from OCPS with the proposed vision for the district - The Strategic Plan Renovation 2025. This plan has been shared with SAC, staff, and PTO. Any comments are welcome online. Please access survey: bit.ly/OCPS2025. The Strategic Plan will also be discussed by Pam Gould who will be meeting at Olympia H.S. on October 30.
- Mr. Daniels thanked everyone who took part in the Fun Run fundraiser. The staff and students had fun. The weather was great and the results were too.
- Thanks also to the families who have adopted an island and helped beautify the parking lot.
- There have been a few No Trespassing signs posted, which provides a 2nd warning.
- There are some changes in the office. Our registrar Tiffany will move into the secretary’s position. We will be looking for a new registrar. Ms. Doris will retire on Nov. 8.
- 3rd/4th/5th grades will have a multi-media anti-bullying show next week, which ties into Red Ribbon week. The show will discuss what to do and how to help others. Important to talk to children about both bullying and cyber-bullying.
- Reminder that report cards will go home on Tuesday. Skyward has been challenging. There are still some glitches. Please contact teachers with any questions.
- On November 4th there will be a presentation for 5th grade parents to discuss IB programs at Carver Middle School (magnet school). Magnet school night is coming up on Nov. 7.
- 3rd grade “We Sing America” show will be on Nov. 7. Kindergarten Thanksgiving show will be on November 12th.
- Reminder that we will have the entire week off for Thanksgiving (make up hurricane day has been waived).
- Budget – New students have leveled off. Next look at the budget won’t be until February.
- Reminder that we are short staffed in the office right now. It will take a few weeks to interview and hire. Thank you for your patience.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am

Upcoming Events

- Red Ribbon Week October 28-Nov 1
- Food Drive & Turkey Jars – Nov. 4-8
- Veteran’s Day – Monday, Nov. 11
- Spirit Night at NYPD Pizza – Nov. 11
- Angel Tree goes up in the lobby – Nov. 13
- Teach-in – Nov. 21
- November Board Meeting – Friday, Nov. 22