

**Minutes - Teller PTA Meeting**  
**January 19, 2016**  
**6:10-7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of Teller PTA was called to order January 19, 2016 in the Library of Teller Elementary at 6:10 pm by President Kristina Reilly. Secretary Lynn Kutner recorded the minutes.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

ATTENDANCE: 15 people were in attendance, including 12 members - qualifying for a quorum according to bylaws of 5 members.  
Executive Committee in attendance: Kristina Reilly, President; Heidi Gartland, Vice President; Beth Finch, Treasurer; Frankie Newman, Treasurer Elect, and Lynn Kutner, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Beth Finch reported the financials of the Teller PTA.

**Motion to budget \$100,000 to school for 2016-2017**  
**Motion passed**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Jessica Downs and Assistant Principal Sabrina Bates reported:

- Busy time of year – budgeting (due February 12<sup>th</sup>)
- District wide decrease in enrollment – affects district funding, less district funding than in the past
- Positions being cut at the central level of DPS
- Significant budget cliff - How do we make up for this budget reduction?
- Will need to make some cuts, being very careful & thoughtful about the cuts
- No DPS budget assistance
- Looking for other funding sources (grants)
- Getting budgeting info Thursday 1/21
- CSC budgeting meeting will be on Friday 1/22 - all are encouraged to attend
- Input from teachers, community – difficult decisions and looking at overall community needs

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- Projected number of students lower than current numbers; should get additional money in the fall with actual enrollment numbers
- Great CMAS results!
- High interest in school tours
- Proud of school community, culture & performance

OFFICER  
REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Kristina Reilly thanked volunteers including Bess Scully and Karen Ryan (Taste for Teller), Amanda Neal (Tellerware), Lisa Aiken (Holiday Gift Cards), and Andi Miller (Restaurant Nights).

Update on PTA small grant requests by teachers - to date the PTA has received requests from 8 teachers. Sent out another message to teachers

TREASURER: Beth Finch reported progress towards fundraising goal - January fundraising goal - \$80,000  
Actual - \$66,000 raised

Simply Giving – at about 50% of goal in the budget  
Less than 10% of school community currently contributing

Projection – \$5,000 to \$15,000 shortfall of fundraising goal

SECRETARY: Lynn Kutner reported that we currently have 117 members. There are 5 new members since November, which includes 3 teachers.

FUNDRAISING  
REPORT:

Gift Cards - Lisa Aiken  
Teller Wear - Amanda Neal  
Tellerpalooza - Kristina Reilly - First planning meeting will take place on January 28th; looking for new people to help

Looking for new fundraising ideas & new people; collected names of people who want to help with fundraising efforts.

SOCIAL REPORT:

Social Events / Restaurant Nights - Andi Miller  
Chipotle – raised over \$600

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Paxti's - Wednesday, February 10, 2016 Time TBD (10% entire day sales, both dine in, takeout and delivery)  
YogurtLand - Tuesday, March 2 all day (20% with flyer)  
California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) - March TBD  
Kitchen Next Door - Monday, April 18, 2016 5-9p (50% of all food and drink, NEW - Carry out counts! And we can stand outside of the restaurant to hand out fliers to anyone, not just Teller people.)

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC) REPORT: No report - check the Teller website for CSC minutes:  
<http://teller.dpsk12.org/collaborative-school-committee/>

OTHER:

**Upcoming Dates (<http://teller.dpsk12.org/calendars/>)**

January 22 - 5:30pm - CSC Meeting (Budget)  
January 25 - Tiger Voices Begins  
January 26 - Beginning Band Begins  
January 26 - 7:00am - Books and Breakfast  
January 26 - 3:00pm - Navigators  
January 28 - 6:00pm - Tellerpalooza Recruitment Meeting  
January 29 - 4:00pm - CHOICE Applications are DUE  
February 8 - Friday February 12 - Spring Book Fair - Feeling Groovy  
February 8 - 9:15am First Grade Trip: Steele Planetarium  
February 10 - Restaurant Day/Night - Paxti's  
February 10 - 1:45pm Book Fair GRAND EVENT  
February 11 - 6:00pm Tales @ Twilight  
February 12 - Valentine's Celebrations  
February 15 - HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL  
February 16 - 10:30am First Grade Field Trip  
February 16 - 6:10pm PTA Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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