

**Minutes - Teller PTA Meeting**  
**February 16, 2016**  
**6:10-7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of Teller PTA was called to order February 16, 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: 23 people were in attendance, including 16 members - qualifying for a quorum according to bylaws of 5 members.  
Executive Committee in attendance: Kristina Reilly, President; Dawn Hampton, President Elect; Heidi Gartland, Vice President, Allison Melun, Vice President Elect; Beth Finch, Treasurer; Kimberly Pruitt, Co-Treasurer, Jane Reed, Treasurer Elect; Frankie Newman, Treasurer Elect, Lynn Kutner, Secretary; and Lisa Santos, Treasurer Elect.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Jessica Downs and Assistant Principal Sabrina Bates reported on three main updates:

- 1) Budget
  - Teller did get \$48,000 in budget support, will allow having a full time psychologist
  - Budget cliff - the good news is that we think the school is under-projected for 2016 enrollment number of students, which means potentially more money based on the fall student count
  - Cuts in 1st budget - less psychologist time, mild moderate, and intervention
  - Budget does keep all teachers and maintains class sizes
  - Keeping art, music/drama, library, PE
  - DPS cut jobs centrally to free up more money for schools
- 2) CMAS - encouraging participation (rather than opting out)
  - Taking a "show us what you know" approach with the kids
  - This year opting out counts as ZERO for SPF

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- Encourage kids to try things that might be hard
  - School close to being on blue - scores are up, attendance, parent and student satisfaction surveys
- 3) 2016-2017 school calendar planning in progress

OFFICER  
REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Kristina Reilly thanked everyone for coming to the PTA meeting. Thank yous to volunteers including Andi Miller (Paxtis restaurant night and lunch for teachers), Amanda Neal (Tellerware), Book fair team - Joann Diaz, Anjelina Jobito, Lisa Aiken, (lunch donated by Qdoba; donut donation for grand event).

Teacher grants - one new grant submitted by a teacher to the PTA.

ELECTIONS coming soon for PTA Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary). Need to create a Nominating Committee.

TREASURER: Beth Finch reported progress towards fundraising goal - Trending a little behind fundraising goals; too soon to know if uptick in Simply Giving donations in response to the 2/11/2016 Principal's letter.

We have some new corporate sponsors.

SECRETARY: Lynn Kutner reported that we currently have 121 members.. 9 new members: 1 parent, 1 grandparent, 7 teachers.

FUNDRAISING  
REPORT:

New fundraising committee will be meeting next week - Kelly Bruen.

Fundraising discussion / ideas:

- Do a better job telling stories (endorsements?)
- Doubling donations through people's workplaces? Need to put out info about workplace donation matching so people know to ask their workplaces.

Book Fair - Joann Diaz

- Initial estimate about \$9000 in sales.
- There will be one more book fair BOGO event at the end of school (much smaller event).
- Joanne will talk with Mr. Hernandez about possibly creating a

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Teller summer reading program.

Tellerpalooza - Kristina Reilly

- Held first planning meeting.
- Tellerpalooza date - May 21st
- Two bands lined up so far

SOCIAL REPORT: Social Events / Restaurant Nights - Andi Miller

- YogurtLand - Tuesday, March 2 all day (20% with flyer)
- TAG - burger of the month for March will support Teller
- 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.)

Dad's Club/Dad Involvement - Preston Hampton

Next poker night will be Friday February 26th.

Dad's' basketball nights.

School Dance - March 24th

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/>)**

February 16 - PTA Meeting 6:10pm  
February 19 - NO SCHOOL - ECE STUDENTS ONLY  
February 23 - ECE Presentation - Think Green 9:45am  
February 23 - Student Led Conferences (4:00 to 6:00pm)  
February 25 - 2nd Grade "Night of the Notables" 6:00pm  
February 26 - End Trimester II  
February 26 - Spirit Day - Wear your P.J.'s to school to show your spirit!  
February 26 - Dad's Club Poker Night 8:00pm

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February 29th - NO SCHOOL for ALL SCHOLARS  
March 1st - CSC Meeting 5:30pm-7:00pm  
March 2nd - Restaurant Day @ Yogurtland  
March 3rd - SpiritWear Orders DUE  
March 4th - "Jump Rope for Heart" Main Event  
March 8th - 1st & 2nd Grades Culture Night 5:30pm-7:30pm  
March 9th - Tellerpalooza Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm  
March 10th - CSC Meeting 5:30pm-7:00pm  
March 11th - Composting Assembly 8:15am  
March 11th - DI Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm-3:00pm  
March 14-18 - Last Week of Enrichment  
March 15 - 6:10pm PTA Meeting  
March 17th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Butterfly Pavilion  
March 17th - ECE Animal Respect Presentation

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

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