

Minutes - Teller PTA Meeting
October 21, 2015
6:10-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of Teller PTA was called to order September 15, 2015 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: 21 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, VP Elect; Beth Finch, Treasurer; Frankie Newman, Treasurer Elect, and Lynn Kutner, Secretary.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Jessica Downs reported:

- the school is days away from having the air conditioning in place for the new computer lab (in the library)
- current enrollment is 484 students (up by 27 students); more families, especially from the neighborhood
- Thanksgiving lunch on 11/20 - will be using both cafeteria & gym - more space, more time for lunch; ECE lunch in the classrooms; Joann Diaz - borrowing tables from East HS, decorations; volunteers needed for setup and help with lunches; will have a PTA table for simply giving / membership
- Nov 10th event - movie with facilitated conversation about race

ACTION ITEM: forms that need to be turned in will be sent home in the paper Thursday folders

Assistant Principal Sabrina Bates reported:

- Teller website is continually being updated - Gabby Bell is working on adding content; currently working on adding teacher bios and teacher class sites will be coming soon

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OFFICER
REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Kristina Reilly thanked volunteers including Dawn Hampton (ABC fundraiser) and Lisa Aiken (book fair).

Update on PTA small grant requests by teachers - to date the PTA has received requests from 7 teachers with a reach of 150 students. Two examples: MI teacher requested tools to help kids with sensory issues; request for small white boards to help with reading.

TREASURER: Beth Finch reported progress towards fundraising goal - \$28,000 raised, nearly meeting the October fundraising target of \$38,000

Simply Giving donations are lagging; had been having PayPal problems - should be fixed now

ACTION ITEMS: remind people about other options for setting up Simply Giving

SECRETARY: Lynn Kutner reported that we currently have 109 members. Membership report is due to CO PTA by November 1, 2015. There is an incentive from CO PTA for increased membership. Cost of membership - \$10.

FUNDRAISING
REPORT:

ABC fundraiser - Dawn Hampton
\$18,727 total raised (over our target goal)

Book Fair - Lisa Aiken

The fall book fair was our highest grossing so far - \$11,300

Thanks to your purchases and our great volunteers:

- 160 books were donated to students in need
- 146 books were given to the library by the PTA
- 37 books were given to teachers by the PTA
- 83 books were purchased by parents for teachers' classroom libraries
- 80 books were given to Mrs. Downs for the Tiger Stripe Prize Box

Taste for Teller - Kristina Reilly

Saturday, November 7th - annual adult-only fundraiser

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Tickets available for sale online
Auction will include classroom items and teacher treats (activities / experiences)
Deadline for auction items - see sign up genius for asks in progress

Box tops - in progress (there is a collection box in the office)

ACTION ITEM: send out info about signing up for Amazon Smile

SOCIAL REPORT: Social Events / Restaurant Nights - Andi Miller
working on social events for January

Halloween Carnival - Heidi Gartland
The community carnival will be on Saturday, October 24th
Help needed on Friday 10/23 for haunted house set up (4 pm)
Needs: barker for pie toss (Jessica & Sabrina will do); encourage advance tickets sales; volunteers needed for games; donations of candy, prizes, drinks

Dad's Club/Dad Involvement - Preston Hampton & Frankie Newman
The first Dads event will be a poker night on Friday November 13th (7-10 pm; \$20 buy in)

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC) REPORT: CSC Report - Kate Smiles
All are invited to a constituency meeting on November 12 - the CSC wants to hear from the Teller community
Check the Teller website for CSC minutes:
<http://teller.dpsk12.org/collaborative-school-committee/>

OTHER: Q: Is Target ending its education donation program (Sarah Haney)?
A: Confirming that Target is ending "Take Charge of Education" program in May 2016 - see:
<https://corporate.target.com/article/2015/09/csr-evolution>

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

October 24 - Halloween Carnival
October 27 - Parents' Meeting - School Performance Framework (SPF) Standards
October 28 - Educating Boys of Color (at Westminster HS)

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October 29 - Pink Out Day
October 29 - Tales@Twilight
October 30 - Halloween Parade
November 1 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 2- NO SCHOOL (all students)
November 3 - NO SCHOOL - ECE ONLY
November 3 - Collaborative School Committee (CSC) meeting
November 7 - Taste for Teller
November 10 - "I am not a racist...am I?" Screening
November 12 - Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Constituency Meeting
November 13 - Trimester Ends
November 17 - Books and Breakfast
November 17 - PTA meeting
November 18 - Picture Retakes
November 19 - Fall Concert
November 20 - End of Trimester Celebration
November 20 - Thanksgiving Lunch
November 23-27 - NO SCHOOL for Thanksgiving Break

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

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