

Fry Elementary PTA Minutes

March 16, 2018

Secretary Jen Jimenez

Meeting called to order by Lisa Mastin at 9:38

Reminder was given that PTA must be out of the room by 10:30 due to school lunch.

Secretary's Report

-Review of minutes. Minutes accepted as written.

Principal's Report

-Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the Parent Teacher Conference Dinner. Thank you to all of the families that made a pie for Pie Day.

-K-2 will be celebrating Dr. Seuss week. Info on activities will be sent home.

-The weatherman Paul Conrad will be coming Monday to speak to fifth grade students.

-April 5th is Kindergarten Preview night. Preregistration is low.

-Third quarter ends Friday and report card viewing starts April 6th.

-Thank you to PTA for funding the all school STEM Day.

-Teachers will be teaching mini lessons for Autism Awareness month and it will include a wear blue day.

-The next Engage 204 meeting is on the topic of Budget.

Treasurer's Report

-Total expenses have been around \$19,000 and cash on hand is about \$24,100.

-Avani Desai announced her resignation due to getting a full time job that will not allow her the flexibility of working from home. She stated that she felt she could continue to serve as Treasurer but was asked to resign by PTA Board. Avani read a letter expressing this and stating that she will be responsible for everything up to March 16th. Avani stated that all Treasurer duties would be transferred to Mini Samuel Landtiser from this day forward as requested by PTA Board. Avani asked for President Lisa Mastin to sign the letter.

-Question from the floor by Nadia Ali. Nadia asked why the PTA Board asked Avani to resign.

-Lisa Mastin replied stating that upon discussion with Kristen Kramer President of the DuPage Regional PTA it was recommended that Avani be released of her duties. Our biggest fund raiser is during the month of April and large sums of cash will be coming into the school daily which will need to be counted

and deposited immediately. PTA is a business and due diligence must be done. As a PTA Board we all agreed it was best for Mini Samuel Landtiser to assume the duties of Treasurer.

-Avani Desai requested to hand everything over to Kristen Kramer directly to be audited. Lisa Mastin stated that all materials must be taken by the PTA Board immediately and will be audited this weekend by Kristen Kramer.

-Due to time it was requested by Amy Guise that this discussion be tabled.

President's Report

-Bylaw Renewal Discussion. PTA Board is proposing to change the bylaws so that the length of board term moves from one year with an optional one year renewal to a two year term block.

-Jasaryi Varyani questioned why the bylaws were not posted on Facebook for members to read. She also suggested that the agenda be posted on FB before each meeting.

-Lisa Mastin responded that moving forward to a digital system such as Membership Hub would allow the bylaws to be uploaded and available for PTA Members only to view.

-Motion from the floor came to continue with the vote on changing the bylaws and accepting them as written. Motion came from Nichole Sandefur and was Second by Claire Evans.

-Question from the floor by Lisa Miroballi. What would it mean for a parent of a fifth grader who wished to run for PTA but it's a two year term. Response by Lisa Mastin was that they could still run.

-Vote was taken with 8 for yes and 5 for no.

Committee Report's

-Nominating Committee report was given by Amy Guise. The Nominating Committee nominated the following:

President, Lisa Mastin

Vice President, Mini Samuel Landtiser

Treasurer, Claire Evans

Secretary, Jen Jimenez

-Question from the floor by Jasaryi Varyani. Can someone from the floor be nominated by the floor at the next PTA meeting?

-Lisa Mastin replied yes. It was stated that the nominee must be present.

-School Supply report by Jen Nied. Shanes School Supplies gave a \$200 sign on bonus. If over 400 kits are sold we would receive \$600 cash back. Orders can be taken through June 15th. Delivery to home can be arranged as well as school delivery. The credit from Shanes was given to teachers.

-IPPC report given by Jasaryi Varyani. Mike Anders was at the last meeting and gave a report on school safety. Personal accountability is being addressed. He is pushing for a radio system that can be used by school staff and bus drivers to contact police. Presence of mind was addressed. Links will be posted regarding how to speak to young children about school shootings. Look for legislation updates about gun control. Video surveillance for the high school level was suggested. Jasaryi reminded people to attend Engage 204 to give feedback.

-Spring Fling report by Lisa Mastin. Asked for product donation of chips and drinks as well as raffle basket items.

-Membership report by Stacy Nevins. We are hoping to get membership hub up and running but will also have a paper membership form. The directory will also still be a paper copy. Registering will be a little more work for people this year.

-Question from the floor by Nadia Ali. Does the school talk to students about school shootings? This was answered by Principal Hillman who stated no but also said that if it were to come up in an appropriate way that teachers may choose to engage in simple conversation if student driven. Fire drills and lock downs are practiced but never unannounced.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38