



**MEETING MINUTES  
February 4, 2020**

**Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm**

Those present: Marie Sager, President, Nikki Niccolai, Vice-President, Brad Schwer, Treasurer, Principal Gahart, Kris Kordecki, Bryan Hammond, Beth LaBell, Jennifer Morgan, Jen Ludwig

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The PSO Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2020, were approved on a Kordecki/Hammond motion.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking	Opening Balance:	\$28,759.31
	Closing Balance:	\$28,077.14
Savings	Opening Balance:	\$458.57
	Closing Balance:	\$458.67

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a Kordecki/Hammond motion.

Brad gave Kris Kordecki and Ryan Niccolai audits to review and to bring back to March's PSO Meeting.

The breakdown of remaining commitments is below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
Technology Allocation	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,282.00	\$ 718.00
Teacher Wish Lists	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,876.93	\$ 823.07
PAWS Store	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
JA Biz Town	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Music- Bari Sax	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
MS Lockers	\$ 6,027.00	\$ -	\$ 6,027.00
Classroom Christmas Trees	\$ 636.00	\$ -	\$ 636.00
Cheer Uniforms	\$ 1,632.00	\$ -	\$ 1,632.00
Basketballs/Volleyballs	\$ 1,375.00	\$ -	\$ 1,375.00

Preschool Banner	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	100.00
Literacy Unit Supplies	\$	3,500.00	\$	-	\$	3,500.00
Forensics T-shirts	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,970.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,358.93</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,611.07</b>

### III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**1. Open Enrollment (Beth LaBell)** – The Open Enrollment window is now open and there are approximately eighteen (18) applicants so far. Jen Ludwig volunteered to drop off the packets at Trinity Co-Op Preschool and they have already been dropped off at Caterpillar College. There has been a high interest in sixth grade, but the only available spots will be for Kindergarten. After accounting for Paris residents and siblings of current students, there will likely be four spots available for Open Enrollment.

**2. Safety Poster Bike Donation (Marie Sager)** – PSO will again be a bike donor at the one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollar-level for the safety poster bike donation.

A Tellez/Kordecki motion was made and approved to allocate up to one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for the donation of a bike.

### IV. SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT

**1. Movie Night (Nikki Niccolai)** – February’s Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2020. January’s Movie Night was cancelled due to uncooperative weather and was not rescheduled due to other commitments within the school.

**2. Egg Hunt (Jennifer Morgan)** – This year’s Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 10:00am. Jennifer will chair this event again. PSO will sponsor two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for candy and prizes. Five Golden Eggs (one for each age bracket) will contain special prizes. Several dates were discussed, but due to Spring Break dates this was the best fit.

A Kordecki/Hammond motion was made and approved to allocate up to two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for Egg Hunt.

**3. Spring Skate Night (Leadership Needed)** – Kris Kordecki has volunteered to take leadership of this event and will call TraXside Skating for availability. The month of April seems like the best fit due to several conflicts. It must be held on a Thursday evening for best pricing. PSO will sponsor cookies for this event. It was discussed whether cookies or cupcakes would work out best.

**4. Dilly Bar Day (Beth LaBell)** – The entire school is being rewarded with a Dilly Bar Day for the record-breaking 2019 Panther Prowl. This is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th and Beth will confirm with Dairy Queen this week. The price increased from ninety (\$0.90) cents to one (\$1.00) dollar due to new owners. There will be enough purchased for each student and staff member. A non-dairy option will be offered for those with allergies.

## V. TEACHER AND STAFF SUPPORT

**1. Parent Teacher Conferences (message from Kris Wessel)** – The next Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and Thursday, March 26, 2020. Kris Wessel will coordinate meals again and will be getting in touch with her team of volunteers who have helped in the past.

**2. Literacy Unit (Beth LaBell/Margie Blair)** – Beth has been in contact with a very special and unique program, Didgeridoo Down Under, which would provide the entire school with an Australia educational assembly and experience. This organization is based in Florida and North Carolina so extensive travel would be required. They were hesitant at first, but Beth did receive word that they are willing to come to Paris School. Mr. Gahart reached out to other feeder schools to see if they would also be interested in this program, but that did not sound too promising.

Due to the extensive travel, a two-day residency seems like the best option, assuring our students will be given the most amazing experience. Kindergarten parent, Mrs. Westover, is from Australia and is happy to provide some additional programming for our youngest students.

Securing a koala bear was not promising. There are only six (6) or seven (7) zoos in the country that house koalas. Margie Blair visited a place that has a koala, but they do not travel and the bear did not look in good shape.

The price of the two-day residency with Didgeridoo Down Under is approximately five thousand two hundred (\$5,200.00) dollars.

A Ludwig/Kordecki motion was made and approved to allocate up to five thousand two hundred (\$5,200.00) dollars to go toward this year's Literacy Unit all-school residency program.

**3. New Water Fountains/Bubblers (Principal Gahart)** – A student requested that water fountains be replaced with ones that can accommodate water bottles. Roger confirmed many students use water bottles and this would be a benefit to the school. After doing some research on the cost for new ones, it is estimated they would cost approximately nine hundred fifteen (\$915.00) dollars each. Four water fountains were requested; one for each hallway. These water fountains are not filtered, but supposedly improve taste and color by ninety (90%) percent. They can easily be installed and most likely would not require a plumber. Roger will also look into filtered versions. PSO is interested in sponsoring this, but we need additional information.

## VI. FUNDRAISING

**1. Spaghetti Supper (Beth LaBell)** – The first planning meeting took place last week and things are going well. Beth will send out local donation requests next week. Corporate request letters have already gone out. Beth is always looking for new sponsors. It is unclear if meatballs will again be donated or if they will need to be purchased. Dave Fricke has again agreed to print the placemats and banners.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

**1. POPS (Nikki Niccolai)** – The next POPS store is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Paws Store has been going great. It has been decided that there will be no Paws Store in March due to Literacy Unit going on. It adds extra activities and curriculum that would make it too difficult for teachers to get students to the store. It will resume in April.

**2. PSO Board Open Positions for 2020-2021 (Marie Sager)** – Nikki Niccolai will move into the position of President and Marie as Past President. Brad Schwer will continue to serve as Treasurer and Jodi Matthews will continue to serve as Secretary. There will be an opening for the position of Vice President; all are encouraged to have possible nominations in mind.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
This meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm**

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Jodi Matthews, Secretary  
Minutes Approved: March 3, 2020