



MEETING MINUTES February 2, 2021

Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:44pm

Those present: Nikki Niccolai, President, Katie Niebuhr, Vice-President, Brad Schwer, Treasurer, Jodi Matthews, Secretary, Principal Roger Gahart, Kris Kordecki, Bryan Hammond, Beth LaBell, Marie Sager

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The PSO Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2021, were approved on a Hammond/Kordecki motion.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking	Opening Balance:	\$46,949.67
	Closing Balance:	\$45,336.41
Savings	Opening Balance:	\$459.17
	Closing Balance:	\$459.21

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

Brad gave Kris Kordecki and Nikki Niccolai audits to review and to bring back to March's PSO Meeting. Kris returned last year's audit tonight and Nikki will return hers soon.

Beth mentioned Tanja Martinez has receipts from last year to still turn in and wanted to confirm that was OK. Due to the shutdown, Tanja had Wish List items that were never turned in for reimbursement.

Roger mentioned to Brad he had invoices for the water fountains. He also added that we ended up getting a fifth fountain for the same price as the original pricing of four due to a promotional pricing. We also have a storage of extra filters and the installer offered we can definitely get more through him in the future. The kids are loving the new water fountains and the water does taste better. This was a great addition to our school!

III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1. Open Enrollment (Beth LaBell) – The Open Enrollment window is now open and there have been many calls for tours. There has been a high interest in all grades, especially those currently enrolled in KUSD. Roger will not be doing tours during the school day at this time, but is willing to and have begun tours on Saturdays. It would be best for prospective families to see the school in action, but it is not possible at this time and no guarantee it will be for Spring, either. Kris offered to help Beth stuff folders for the two preschools we are again promoting to, Katie will get folders to Trinity Co-Op Preschool, and Nikki offered to pick up the brochures at the print shop.

2. Safety Poster Bike Donation (Nikki Niccolai) – Nobody has heard anything about this contest or a possible donation yet.

IV. SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT

1. Movie Night (Nikki Niccolai) – All movie nights have been canceled this year.

2. Egg Hunt (message from Jennifer Morgan) – This year's Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:45am. Jennifer will chair this event again. She is asking PSO to sponsor two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for candy and prizes again. Jennifer will also ask families for candy donations. Several possible dates were discussed, but due to the two Spring Breaks so close together, this was the best fit.

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

3. Spring Skate Night (Leadership Needed) – Roger has agreed to a Spring Skate Night at TraXside Skating; it was a great turnout for the Prowl night and it is ultimately at the families' discretion whether to attend or not. Beth will call and see if the evening of Thursday, April 1st would be available for our school only. The woman she previously worked with in Fall was ecstatic to host a night for our school. Previously, the cost for families was six (\$6.00) dollars which included a small meal. PSO would not supply cupcakes or cookies this year.

V. TEACHER AND STAFF SUPPORT

1. Literacy Unit (Beth LaBell) – Beth reached out to an owner of a very special and unique program, Sno-Trek Dog Sled Adventures, which would provide the entire school with an unforgettable educational assembly and experience. This organization is based out of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, requiring four hours of travel each way. After having an extensive and really good conversation with Howard, also addressing his questions and concerns, he is so willing to come to Paris School for an educational experience which would include a sled, gear, and two (2) dogs. Beth feels really good about him and his business to be hired for our Literacy Unit assembly.

The assemblies would be held outdoors, weather permitting, and be held in the three (3) cohorts

of K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. There would be a back-up plan if weather does not allow for the assemblies to be held outdoors.

Due to the extensive travel, PSO is willing to put Howard and his wife up in a hotel for two nights. This allows them to travel here the night before the assemblies and not have to rush back the day of after the assemblies. There is a tentative date of March 2nd for their arrival and the assemblies would occur the following day on March 3rd.

A huge “thank you” to Beth for finding and coordinating what will be an unforgettable experience for our students!

The price of the three assemblies and travel costs with Sno-Trek Dog Sled Adventures would cost approximately one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Howard charges four hundred fifty (\$450.00) dollars per hour per assembly and forty (\$40.00) dollars per hour of travel. PSO would include two overnight hotel stays and gift cards for meals. A high-end estimate to include all the above is three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars. This is still significantly lower compared to what has been spent on Literacy Units in the past.

A Sager/Hammond motion was made and approved to allocate up to three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars to go toward this year’s Literacy Unit assemblies.

VI. FUNDRAISING

1. Spaghetti Supper (Beth LaBell) – Spaghetti Supper has been set for Saturday, May 1, 2021. Corporate request letters are in-progress. We need to start thinking about alternative options like additional seating, holding parts of it outdoors, a reservation system, a bigger block of time, etc.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. POPS (Nikki Niccolai) – The next POPS store is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th. Last year we began not holding one during the month of February due to the hectic schedule of Literacy Unit, but that has been delayed this year.

2. PSO Board Open Positions for 2020-2021 (Nikki Niccolai) – Typically, Katie would fill the President position and the Vice-President position would open up for the 2021-2022 school year. There has been no decision or any interest in filling the VP position as of now.

3. Albrecht Family Gift (Nikki Niccolai) – PSO sponsored a two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollar sympathy gift to the family of Trevor Albrecht. The family was so appreciative of the “busy basket” for the children. Donations also included in the basket were school logo mugs from Adele Green and a cookie “painting” kit from Burgess Baking. This truly brought a little sunshine to this family.

4. Clock/Bell System (Roger Gahart) – Something Roger wanted to put out on the radar for needing replacing in the near future is a new clock and bell system. The current system is from the

1960s and no longer keeps clocks in sync, causing problems and frustrations among teachers. Early estimates put a replacement at approximately thirty-five thousand (\$35,000.00) dollars. Joint efforts of the PSO and Paris School Foundation to fund this may be possible.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
This meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jodi Matthews, Secretary

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