

R. S. Payne PTO Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2019 7:00pm

In attendance: **Danielle Englund**-President, **Kellie Baldwin**-Principal, **Liz Dop**-Treasurer, **Sarah Muminovic**-Secretary, **Alys Miller**-Hospitality, **Crystal Pannell**-Spirit/Redemptions, **Debbie Lacy**-I.A. RSP, **Mrs. Carouthers**, 5th grade teacher, **Doris Boyers**-Parent

Approval of February 2019 PTO Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes made by **Liz Dop**. Second made by **Kellie Baldwin**. All in favor. None opposed. February 2019 minutes are approved. Motion carries.

President's Report-Danielle Englund

-Upcoming Events

-March Madness bracket challenge still going on. Not as many people able to participate because the LCS firewall denied access to the website. Currently a total of 19 participants in the bracket challenge. The current total prize package is \$115 dollars. Gift cards can still be submitted until April 8, 2019. Prize will be awarded on Tuesday, April 9th. **Crystal Pannell** will present the winner with the awards.

-Staff appreciation May 6-10. **Alys Miller** will coordinate. The lunch will be on Friday, May 10th, 2019. Pizza will be ordered by **Alys Miller** and she will create a signup for salad donation. **Alys Miller** will also raffle off gift card donations to staff members each day that are donated from local businesses and from parents.

Principal/Staff Report-Kellie Baldwin

-Principal's panel meeting with the students. Discussion around spirit ideas prior to SOL. Pep rally day with DJ April 24, 2019. Mini spirit week before SOLs.

-Dress as your favorite activity

-Sports day or animals

-Comfy day with 30 minutes of free time with their teacher day

-Still working on a buddy bench. A bench has been donated by the Exchange Club of Lynchburg and the Principal panels members will help to paint and place the buddy bench.

-**Sarah Muminovic** inquires about rumors that have been going around with regards to the chatter that the GO center will no longer be having a theater program. Principal Baldwin addresses the rumors by saying that in an effort to broaden the scope of the theater program for the upcoming school year, the teachers in both the GO center and Base school have been challenged to identify ways to offer the program on a school wide, more inclusive basis. The current format of the plays for the GO center will change for the upcoming 2019-2020 school

year, however, the exact details of the changes are still being determined. In addition to changes in the GO Center play format, there will also be a change to the field trip format with regards to the State Fair field trip. Rather than 3rd and 5th going, which would mean that a student would repeat this field trip in 5th grade after having gone in 3rd grade, teachers are being asked to pick just one grade level to experience this field trip and to explore other field trip opportunities for the other grade.

Committee Reports

-Treasurer-**Liz Dop**

- Garden Tower Transaction is completed. \$36.75 remaining and was turned over to the RS Payne Bookkeeper by **Liz Dop**.
- Panda Express fundraising was \$24
- Funquest skate night made \$254

-Spirit-**Crystal Pannell**

- Next Spirit Day is Friday, April 5, 2019
- Zero participation by staff for Spirit Day in March 2019

Fundraising

-Restaurant Nights-**Sarah Muminovic**

- None currently scheduled.

-Box Tops-**Crystal Pannell**

- Turned in Box Tops on February 28, 2019. The expected income is \$368.00.
- There is an app for Box Tops that can be accessed by all of the RSP community; parents and/or staff. This app will also track the school's progress in Box Tops collection.
- Crystal Pannell** will continue to collect all of the remaining Box Tops through the end of this year and send them in by June 30, 2019. These Box Tops will accumulate and go towards the October 31, 2019 deadline. These Box Tops will be paid out in a November 2019 check.

Old Business

-Discussion about the disbanding/suspension of the PTO. **Danielle Englund** presented the board and guests with a draft of a letter regarding the next steps for continuing the functioning of the PTO for the 2019-2020 school year. Discussion around recommendations of how to proceed with the letter. Suggestions made to change the letter were to add estimates of hours needed to complete each role. **Danielle Englund** will send an email with the letter to **Mrs. Baldwin**. **Mrs. Baldwin** will take the lead on printing, sorting, and distributing the letter to teacher's boxes to go home in backpacks. **Mrs. Baldwin** also offered that anyone wanting to inquire can call the office and speak with **Mrs. Waller** to collect names and numbers. The final consensus on next steps is to send out the letter and address the presence or absence of interested parties to join the

Board at the May meeting. The Board will vote in May to either disband and spend funds or to continue on with the possible new volunteers that might attend.

-Crystal Pannell informed the board that she received feedback at the Skate Night at Funquest that people have the general feeling that they are disconnected and generally feel unwelcome.

-Mrs. Baldwin contributed that there are many challenges that face the RSP Base community with regards to poverty, family makeup, and daily challenges with regards to decision making. These are key factors that may challenge RSP Base school families from participating in PTO roles/events.

-Danielle Englund contributes that she felt she made a very concerted effort and attempt to bridge the gap between Base families and the PTO, but ultimately felt that the gap was an ongoing challenge that would require both a large amount of time and devotion.

New Business

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7 pm.