

# PTO Meeting 1/12/16

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12 January 2016 / 11:30-12:30 / middle school

## ATTENDEES

Brooke Somers, Ann Whitehurst, Dana Deaton, Shann Burroughs, Coleen Getzen, Summer Clayton, Sandi Mayo

## Last Meeting Follow-up

1. There was not a quorum from the last meeting here so minutes from last meeting will have to be voted on and approved electronically.

## NOTES

- Updated budget was reviewed.
- Teacher appreciation week will be moved to coincide with national TAWeek (May 3rd)
- Middle school dance will stay where it is since later in the spring is too hard to schedule with teachers' schedules and field trips. The make up date is out bc that is during Japan visit.
- Family day in spring. We need to begin planning for that. Will need volunteers to help coordinate carnival type things but also make sure middle schoolers want to attend.
- Ordering school supplies for next year was discussed. Seems to make sense to try and see if parents take advantage of this or if it should be skipped. Need someone to head this up.
- Soap sales went great. We had significantly fewer art winners this year than last. Yet we still made close to our goal in revenue.
- Reviewed annual fund information. Met \$100k goal but only 60% families participated with the following breakdown:

- K 63%

- 1st 80%
- 2nd 60%
- 3rd 53%
- 4th 52%
- 5th 57%
- 6th 49%
- 7th 49%
- 8th 37%
- Requested a crew liaison for next year to help increase those #s.  
Will add to volunteer list for next year.
- We are going to do another order of online spiritwear before school gets out. Brooke requested that people please look at website to have suggestions as to what products/colors to offer.
- Updated PTO on board meetings:
  - Elementary location lease for next year has been extended for one year.
  - New location for school is moving along well. There will be an announcement once philanthropy decides on capital campaign.
  - Discussion of PTO vote on exploris school board. Concensus was that the PTO should have a voting representation on board. This ensures a voice in the interests of the parents and teachers by a person who the parents are choosing. Even though there are currently parent representatives on the board, they were chosen by the parents, they were chosen by other board members. Attendees felt strongly about this but the PTO board will also be questioned as most were not in attendance. Brooke will take results to James Gerdts (board chair) and request the position remain a voting one. If the school board chooses to amend bylaws to remove voting rights anyway, the parents will write letters to the NC board of education. Brooke will follow up with the PTO as soon as possible regarding this issue.
- Next meeting will be after drop off at the elementary in February.