

**Exploris PTO General Meeting**  
**May 16, 2014**  
**7:15 pm – 8:15 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by PTO president Cheryl Rodgers. Those in attendance: Cheryl Rodgers, Laura Corder, Khristi Tomlinson, Kate Wisz, Summer Clayton, Christina Ward, Wendy Gantt, Amy Cole, Scott Anderson, James Gerdts, and Richard Warr.

**Past Events**

**Frolic** – our primary PTO fundraiser, Frolic, was held in March and netted \$12,400. Thank you!

**Handyman Workday** – the April workday was low key and had low volunteer attendance (5); this was OK as there was not a lot of projects slated so all work was completed.

**Spring Dance at Knights of Columbus** – was concurrent with this meeting; 115 students attended (20 less than when at PNC for last three dances); kids had a wonderful time and DJ and facility were great.

**Upcoming Events**

**EOG Testing** – proctor positions have been filled

**Teacher Thanks** – deadline for collection June 6<sup>th</sup>; Cheryl will be posting info to Blog

**Expressions Day Food Drive** – will be held June 9<sup>th</sup>; Cheryl will be posting info to Blog

**Graduation** – will be held June 10<sup>th</sup>; see Blog announcement for more information

**Kona Ice Truck** – will be in Nash Square for last day of school; per a suggestion by Kate, tickets will be given to teachers to distribute to students whom may be in need of assistance to participate; Cheryl will be posting info to Blog and will also coordinate tickets with teachers.

**Principal's Report – Summer Clayton**

**Elementary School** – Summer provided an update on the status of the elementary school, our commitment to increase our economically disadvantaged student population, and our need to be mindful of our fundraising while moving to a philanthropic giving model.

**New Business**

**2014 Budget** – Khristi Tomlinson motioned to approve the PTO Budget for 2014. Richard Warr seconded the motion. Motion was carried to approve 2014 PTO Budget.

**2014 Executive Board** – Richard Warr motioned to approve the PTO Budget for 2014. Kate Wisz seconded the motion. Motion was carried to approve the 2014 Executive Board.

**PTO Name Change** – Khristi Tomlinson motioned to approve the change the name of the PTO from Exploris Middle School PTO to Exploris PTO to reflect the growth of the school from K-8. Richard Warr seconded the motion. Motion was carried to change the name of the PTO to Exploris PTO. (David Wisz is looking into this from a legal standpoint. Christine will manage the change for our banking accounts. We will also need to make sure the bank continues to accept payments from our passive fundraising efforts that are still made out to EMS during this transition.)

**Lunches** – Laura and Cheryl discussed the progress being made to simplify the lunch program through the use of a company that will manage vendors and collect payments through a secure website. Vendor is My Hotlunch Box. Middle school will continue with same food providers as this year. My Hotlunch Box will be looking into finding a lunch provider that can help us implement a family-style farm-to-table program for the elementary school. My Hotlunch Box will also provide a percentage back from sales each month to help us meet the needs of our free and reduced lunch population.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting time is TBD.