

# Exploris PTO General Meeting

August 18, 2015

The Exploris General Meeting was held at The Flying Saucer Restaurant in Raleigh and was open to all parents/staff.

**Members in attendance:** Marieta Smith, Dana Deaton, Ann Whitehurst, Cris Preble, Renee Anderson, Kari Williams, Mike Beatty, Emily Parker, Jeanne Queen, Rachel Hearn, Coleen Getzen, Dakota Samuel, Tonya Thornton, Candice Robinson, Aleesha Bake, Sloan Schepers, Cheryl Rodgers.

## **Introductions of the Board:**

President: Brooke Somers

Vice President: Sloan Schepers

Treasurer: Christine Hutchens

Secretary: Kari Williams'

VP of Fundraising: Kristi Pettibone

VP of Building and Grounds: Shannon Burroughs

VP of Social Events: Liisa Ogburn

VP of Volunteers: Aleesha Bake

VP of Communications: Kate Gilmore

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from May; motion was approved.

**Budget Update:** this will be the last year of soap sales as the company is going out of business. The primary fundraiser will be the Annual Fund. In the past, mini grants helped fund educational expenses, including a grant for gardening and composting at both school locations; .Aleesha Bake called a motion to approve the PTO to fund the \$280 required to keep the garden and composting going (\$35/week x 8 weeks). Sloan Schepers seconded the motion. Compost Now provides pick up at the middle school as no bin is allowed to remain on grounds.

## **Past Events Review**

- Candice Robinson verbalized a huge thank you to those who helped at Grounds Day. Aleesha Bake suggested using SignUp Genius in the future for items like tools and needed improvements, as well as more notice for teachers and parents.
- Spirit Wear Sales: there will no longer be stock held due to cost and broad assortment of sizes needed. Trying to get rid of current stock. Can order items online. See PTO blog.

## Upcoming Events

- Shinonome students visit 8/23-8/29. Purchasing shirts from leftover inventory may be a good gift idea for the students; may be purchased at the elementary school and leave check in PTO box. \$6/shirt and \$15/sweatshirt.
- Fall Picnic will be 9/27 at Pullen Park. Details to follow.
- Picture Day
  - Elementary 9/10/15
  - Middle 9/9/15
  - Make Up 10/12/15
- Adult Social at CAM 10/14/15; this is an adult-only event held in the evening allowing faculty/staff/parents a chance to socialize. Dinner will be available for purchase; drinks will be available for donation. Soap Sale Art will also be on display. Volunteers are needed; see Kristi Pettibone (Social Chair Committee)
- Middle School Dance 11/13: Penny Lettie and Ann Whitehurst. A new location is being discussed due to grievances regarding the previous location.
- Spirit Wear Online Orders will be received until 8/30/15. Help is needed with distribution when the orders arrive in mid-September.

**New Business:** Aleesha Bake discussed the volunteer list online for committees to view those interested and those who want to be contacted for various committees.

## Principal Update:

- Curriculum Night at the Middle School 9/10/15 5:30-7:15 p.m.
- Curriculum Night at the Elementary School 9/17/15 5:30-7:15 p.m.
  - This is still being planned by teachers; Summer will send an email with more details
  - Usually kids do not attend. 8th graders are unable to provide babysitting services this year due to liability without teacher supervision.
  - Outward Bound will be coming to speak with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders; parents of non-8<sup>th</sup> graders may attend to learn more about Outward Bound

**Next Meeting:** there will be a general PTO meeting at Pullen Park during the Fall Picnic 9/27/15