

PTO Meeting Minutes - The Exploris School
April 20, 2017 at Elementary School Art Room

Attendees: Brooke Somers, Christine Hutchens, Rachel Pohlman, Renee Anderson, Summer Clayton.

- Meeting called to order at 8:30
- Last meeting minute approval - Christine moved, Renee 2nd, all voted yes, 0 voted no
- Board meeting update:
 - Keely asked for change in bylaws to remove teacher representative and to make PTO representative a non-voting position. This is based on work with a board consulting group. This move is not supported by PTO as it eliminates a vote on behalf of all parents and teachers. This was mentioned but not voted on.
 - Application has been sent out for the Head of School. Hopefully will find someone and get them hired for a 7/1 start date.
 - Christine has taken over role of Treasurer on the Exploris Board. As such, she is taking a position on the Exploris Board. Brooke moved to remove her as the PTO representative designee. This was 2nded by Renee. All voted in favor. None opposed. The PTO representative for the board will revert back to the PTO president for the remainder of the school year.
- Budget review and proposed for next school year
 - We reviewed expenses so far. We need to do a better job of promoting passive fundraising opportunities as this has fallen dramatically!
 - The budget for next year was discussed and proposed changes will be done by Brooke and Christine and posted online with an online vote for all parents.
- Positions for next year
 - There are a number of outstanding positions available within the PTO for next year. This will need to be listed out and blog post to all parents asking for volunteers.
 - Brooke has emailed room parents for 6th grade multiple times to get a graduation person for next year. No response. Turns out the room parents are not passing this information along. This is not an isolated event. It seems as if most grades are not doing this which means we will eliminate the room parent positions next year. Brooke will email Devon and ask that the graduation person request go out in their newsletters.
- Club Grants
 - Shannon Hardy sent a grant request on behalf of 2 students requesting money for a design for change project. As it turns out, this project has not been discussed with Summer nor gotten the approval of the landlord. Brooke will follow up with the students requesting further information on the viability of the project.
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:46