

**Partnership Elementary School
Board Meeting
July 23, 2009**

Members Present:

Mark Kenjarski	Senior Partner
Patricia Townsend	Senior Partner
Rena Henry	2008-2009 PTA President
Lynn Ashby	PTA President
Lissa Johnsen	PTA Treasure
Juan and Gwendolyn Avery	PTA Secretary
Donna Atkinson	School Improvement
David and Kate Wisz	School Improvement
Lisa Crumpler	Spirit Wear
Beckie Jarrett	Spirit Wear/Legislative
Mary Hunter-Martin	Ways & Means
Sharon Graham	Membership
Becky Glendy	Volunteer Coordinator
Martha Heaton	Volunteer Coordinator
Cecillie Lewis	

Welcome/Call to Order/Approval of Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Lynn Ashby

May minutes were approved as written. Motion to approve made by Mark Kenjarski and 2nd by the board/committee.

Financial Report – Treasure:

Lissa Johnsen reviewed with the board the Partnership Elementary PTA P&L Budget Overview, Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports. Also, a suggestion was made by Lissa to streamline the check reimbursement process by having a PTA Box for members to place forms for check reimbursements in order to receive monies in a timely manner.

Committee Reports

Hospitality Committee:

Kim Fulcher of the hospitality committee is looking for a co-chair to assist her on the committee. Krista Moore has been asked and waiting on a response.

Ways and Means Committee:

Mary Martin-Hunter with excitement stated there are 57 days left until the Fun Frolic and received input from kids on the Frolic was appreciated. This year's dynamic t-shirt with a terrific design is brown and will be printed by Tom Ashley. The committee is seeking several volunteers for the Frolic to make this a successful fundraiser. Items the committee would like to have donated are:

- A golf cart
- An adult bike
- Panther tickets along with train tickets to get to the game
- A green machine
- A night at the hotel and dinner package in Chapel Hill, NC

The committee is looking for a chairperson to spear head the Book Fair, Spring Fundraiser and Box Tops fundraisers, but have each fundraiser headed by a co-chair to elevate some of the daunting tasks of having to coordinate all three fundraisers.

School Improvement Committee:

No report due to other prior commitments but Sr. Partner Patricia Townsend's will provided a list of everything needed for the year.

Spiritwear Committee:

The committee moved the spirit wear display to the front lobby of the school. This location has been successful with \$595 being raised in May 2009. New t-shirts were printed by Tom Ashley and were on display at meet/greet teacher day in the front lobby. The committee raised \$200 on this day. The new adult and kids t-shirts are selling for \$12 and \$10 respectively.

Membership Committee:

Sharon Graham has reported a collection total of \$160 for PTA membership to date.

GUYS:

Report given by Lynn Ashby stating the hallway has been painted and the committee is seeking contributions to help offset the cost of this being done and any amount is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Becky Glenda discussed with the board the elimination of some of the sign up sheets that are presented at PTA general meeting night. It was agreed upon by the board to remove

the room parents, art volunteers, car pool and ways and means sign up sheets. And keep the fun frolic sign sheet in the classrooms, as well as, at the PTA general meeting night. Lastly, a suggestion was made to have a brochure design to explain each committee's duties and tasks for parents of Partnership.

Senior Partner Reports

Mark Kenjarski:

Big news is the state budget. And because of state budget cuts there was a reduction of staff positions at Partnership. Partnership fared well in the reduction of staff compared to other Wake County Public Schools. Staff positions eliminated was homeroom, music, specialists and full-time teachers.

The main goal and focus are the kids of Partnership and their learning. And the school should continue to look at the needs of each grade level and use those resources to meet those needs because of budget cuts. Partnership did receive some money but other areas the school is taking into consideration are textbooks, professional development and teachers (wants and needs) when looking at the budget due to state budget cuts.

Good news about no child left behind. Partnership is up 14% from the prior school year in reading and math. The staff should be commended on a job well done.

Partnership is wireless and lost and found has a new home. There is a small shed located outside the multipurpose room where kids can look for items at recess if lost.

Other projects: multipurpose room is being painted and a possible gate (safety and security reasons) for outside being researched and a feasibility study is being done at this time. The key factor is cost.

Patricia Townsend:

Calendar presented to the PTA board of all the important dates for the 2009-2010 school year. 1st bell schedule is 7:50am and 2nd bell (tardy) is 8:20am. Dismissal on Wednesday at 2:00 pm and early release this year is at 12:30pm vs. 12:00pm. Please check Partnership website for updated bus routes. Changes were due to state budget cuts and to decrease mileage by 10,000 miles for the school year. 15 staff members have joined the PTA to date.

Issues Bin

1. PTA board should contribute \$1000 to the school for copying. And to offset this cost is the purchase of copy paper (32 cases) and check can be written directly to the company.

2. There will be no Pioneer Spirit this year. Communications will be sent via E-news and the focus is staying green.
3. Parents of Partnership should make donations to pay for the painting of the hall and PTA will pay for the painting of the stairwells \$650. And a motion was made by Rena Henry for reimbursement and 2nd by the committee.
4. Kate Wisz brought before the board creating Partnership Foundation, 501c. Donations can be made and can be tax deductible. The foundation would consist of Sr. Partner, PTA President and 3 elects. After the completion of the Frolic the idea will be revisited.
5. Request from Lisa Crumpler, Mary Hartshorn and Pam Feamster for money to purchase supplies.
6. Supply list on the website from the teachers to have a 2nd push for supplies for tax free school August 7th-9th, 2009.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm