

Mount Vernon Exploratory PTO Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting

January 16, 2018

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jessica Taylor, President; Holly Owens, Vice-President; Jenny Floyd, Past President; Tara Perry, Treasurer; Kimberly Robinson, Secretary; Jennifer Westbrook, Principal; Kristi Crumpton, 2018-19 Teacher of the Year

CALL TO ORDER: The President, Jessica Taylor, called the meeting to order. Observed: Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

- I. WELCOME: President, Jessica Taylor, welcomed us and called the meeting to order.
- II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES AND BOARD APPROVAL: Jenny made the motion to approve December's minutes and Holly gave the second motion.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:
 - a. There have been recent updates, provided by local school purchases, including Trojan signs/banner, candid student frames, teacher bathroom and eating area décor.
 - b. New office furniture will be coming soon, purchased by the district.
 - c. Ms. Westbrook make the following proposal to the North Hall Community Education Foundation: 20 Chromebooks to help us get closer to a 2:1 new device: student ratio in classrooms. We are currently at 3:1; 2:1 including STEM/computer lab. (District considers Chromebooks to have a 6 year shelf life.)
 - d. First Future Explorers date is January 30. Magnet application is online, will be available beginning 2/1.
 - e. Upcoming dates: Spelling Bee (4th and 5th grades): 1/18; Families-1/19; Arts in Schools-1/19; Hall County GSAPS visit (district 5 year review)-1/24; Hall County Tech Fair-1/24; Museum Night (Kindergarten @ 5:30 and 3rd grade @ 7:00)-1/25.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - a. Two teacher allotments were paid out this past month (4th grade and occupational therapy).
 - b. We still have to write Boosterthon another check; we have collected 96% of pledges.
 - c. Bus Driver Appreciation was added to line budget.
 - d. The 2nd spirit wear order was cancelled due to the lack of orders placed; possibly check with Matt at Limestone T-shirt Factory for next year.
 - e. The state taxes for PTO was late, but we will discuss any penalties, if any, when we get more information.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Jenny is continuing to work on the by-laws. Jessica asked Jenny to bring the by-laws to February's meeting to discuss changes.
 - b. The follow-up meeting with Sam from Boosterthon will take place immediately following February's board meeting.
 - c. Jessica will have basketball nets put up by the weekend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Bingo Night is February 9, from 5-8 pm. For publicity we need to make it available via the newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and morning announcements. Kristi Crumpton will help set up the audio/visual in cafeteria. What are our plans for volunteers?
- b. Staff Appreciation Week is 3/19-3/23. What are the plans for the week and do we need volunteers? Kimberly will discuss plans at February's meeting.
- c. Math Mania is 3/3. Last year the PTO provided gift cards, does this need to be done again this year?
- d. Nomination for next year's board members will be addressed during Museum Night. The nomination box will be placed in the office.
- e. Kristi Crumpton thanked the PTO for our contribution to the nature trail. She has also requested our help with the indoor grow light, which would be about \$200, if she builds it herself.

Next meeting will be February 5. Jessica Taylor adjourned meeting.

Submitted by Kimberly Robinson, Secretary