

**Parley's Park Parent Teacher Association**

**September 2, 2014**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order**

Jodi Manwaring and Tara Stocker; Co-Presidents  
Shelly Barratt; President Elect

Mike Doleac; Treasurer  
Cindi Robinson; Secretary

**Sign Up Sheet for Original Works -**

Original works is a program where students create art and parents have the option to have the art printed on coffee cups, mouse pads, clothing etc. Any money raised from Original Works helps fund Masterpieces in Art (MIA).

Need parent volunteers for Original Works. A sign up sheet was passed around

**Administrative**

Motion to approve Cindi Robinson as PTA secretary - **motion was made, had a second and was approved**

**Principal Gomez**

School happenings

A positive start to the school year and thank you to parents, kind emails and behind the scenes work that parents do has been a great contribution to getting our school year off to a good start.

- PTA board has some great ideas for the year to better streamline information and timeliness of donation requests and better ways for parents to allocate funds for donation
- We Need more Dads/Males on the PTA
- Fall Festival will be an exciting event

Teacher situation: Search is still in process for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade DI teacher- several candidates have been interviewed and a suitable candidate has not been found. In the meantime Sophie Moffat has been a great sub, is tri-lingual with a teaching background, both of which have been a benefit to classroom. There is also an aid in the classroom to assist Sophie.

Other options: Can Sophie Stay? Yes, a possibility and an option that could be available. Mr. Gomez is working on it.

P30: a new program where every morning for 30 minutes from 8:30-9 there will be a focus on learning and student alignment with the common core.

**Asking 4 questions**

What do students need to learn?

Did they learn it?

How do we know when they have learned it?

What are we going to do when they have learned that concept?

New Galileo testing system (only in English) will be used to assess for this Pilot program where All Students will be assessed and focused on, not just kids who have not learned but all kids.

How do we meet the needs? This is where P30 will come in and after all of the data has been collected this 30 minutes will be focused here. Teachers will have an opportunity to see where kids are learning, where they are not and why.

A staff member has been placed in every classroom in the school to assist the teacher with testing. Teachers must submit a plan to David by the 19<sup>th</sup> of September of what they are going to implement by Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> during P30.

Kids will be grouped by grade level and ability level to receive extra help during that 30 minutes to focus on a concept (an example might be writing for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, math 4<sup>th</sup> grade etc. )

Enrollment has increased to close to 600 students.

High Class Load in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: It is district policy to wait and count kids present for the first 10 days- of the school year. By the middle of this week they will have the final numbers to assess the next steps. An additional classroom is a PCSD board decision – not a MR. Gomez or PPES decision. The 1-23 teacher to student ratio is not a policy, it's a guideline and whether or not an additional teacher/classroom is added will be up to the district to decide.

Thank you for the new playground equipment that was supplied by PTA via parent donations. Has made a big difference on the playground

An Art Specialist has been hired – Melissa Allen – will be worked into the day throughout grade levels  
Dance Specialist Melissa Holm has been hired and funded by the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Grant –she will teach dance throughout all grade levels.

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Please come to Pastries with the Principal every other month-First Tuesday of October will be October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fundraising Opportunity Reminders**

Travel Clean – Envelopes to purchase Travel Clean gift cards will be sent home the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Amazon Smiles Program-** Parents can choose PPES as a charity organization and for every order made PPES receives a kick back.

#### **\*\*To enable AmazonSmile to benefit Parleys - What you need to do:**

For anyone who purchases anything from Amazon.com, the Parley's Park PTA can now get a percentage of those purchases to fund our annual goals. (Click here to set up this service:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0878900>)

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Please select **PTA Utah Congress Parleys Park Elementary School PTA** whenever you shop on Amazon.com. You can set this up by clicking here now: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0878900>

**Smiths Program has moved to online linkup**

**Smiths Grocery.** Smith's is giving \$1.4 Million to local nonprofit organizations. Use your Rewards card & help Parley's Park Elementary. Just shop at Smith's and swipe your Rewards Card! Here's how to enroll:

- a. Visit <http://www.SmithsCommunityRewards.com>
- b. Sign in to your online Account, or create an account
- c. Find and Select your organization and Click "Save"
- d. Parley's Park Elementary/Nonprofit Organization #81936

## **PTA Overview and Update**

**The PPES PTA has adopted a theme for the 2014-2015 school Year**

**Be Informed, Be Active, Be your Child's Biggest Fan- Be PTA!**

### **Be Informed--What is PTA?**

Parent Teacher Association promotes partnerships that will increase involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of children. A strong membership is essential for PTA to be a force in decisions involving the welfare and education of children.

### **Be Active---Why do I have to pay dues?**

PTA raises money to exist, to support our students and teachers, but we don't exist to raise money. Your dues and donations help us support many programs, teachers, and staff members to make this school year successful.

### **Be Your Child's Biggest Fan--Do I need to be a chair or volunteer to be a member?**

There is no requirement to be a volunteer or to be a member. We encourage you to support your child(ren)'s teacher. If you have extra time, we welcome any and all extra time you have to support our programs.

### **Parley's has a New Logo**

Spirit Wear orders are Due September 5<sup>th</sup> and orders will be ready by September 26th  
We will have a spirit week as soon as we hear from student council

### **Budget and motion for approval**

We have actuals from last year but the records from last year of month to month are not clear.

We earn money from several sources: PCEF, Travel Clean, Smiths, Amazon Smiles, Spirit Wear, Fall Festival

Many schools have become a PTO .We have stayed a PTA so we could participate in Reflections in Art

Goals for treasury is to better understand how we are spending our money monthly and annually

Books and Beyond wants additional money and would like budget increased to \$1200

Other Line Items:

Art night

Chess – does not cost but we have to pay out/reimburse what comes in

Used Book Fair will happen again this year

A motion was made to approve the budget with the above additions  
The Budget for 2014-2105 was Approved

### **Last year's PTA accomplishments**

Buddy Bench was purchased and needs to be installed by the district  
Once installed Mr. Gomez will have a celebration

DeEtte Earl is now full time and will be pushing in to the classroom  
GATE is now SIGHT – and all of the kids benefit from her specialty

### **This year's PTA goals, events, and recognitions**

JR Great Books – we received a \$5k grant from PCEF to purchase new Jr. Great Books.  
This program starts in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – a pull out program from high level readers – mini story to read each week and they work with a parent much like book club.

### **Goals:**

Wall Ball to be built/installed specific for wall ball game vs. using the building walls  
Field Liner to draw actual lines for soccer, baseball etc  
Spirit Wear shirts for all Staff

Live PC Give PC – A-Z Learning and RAZ Kids reading program that is online and in English and Spanish  
– need \$2k to renew program by November 7<sup>th</sup>-

It was suggested that PTA communicate why we want them to give to PPES via the Live PC Give PC.  
Any money raised is earmarked specifically for this program

Teacher wish lists: We would like to honor as many teacher wish lists as possible and we have discussed helping the teachers with some of their supplies that they have to purchase out of pocket. We will work with teachers on this and determine the best way and time of year to assist them and hope to start January 2015 and again August 2015.

A suggestion was made for a Science lab teacher – Jeremy has seen increase in numbers since a lab person was hired – maybe on a wish list?

- **Open Chair positions**

Communications Chair- needed to assist with parent and school communication

PCEF Ambassador - point person between PCEF and Schools/Parents for communication

Parent Appeal Liaison- help with beat the call and help coordinate volunteers  
Joy Durling and Sara Sergent have offered to volunteer.

Science Fair Chair (Liz Myers is happy to assist, as the program is well organized but a Chair will be needed for the program to run.)

Get Out And Play (GOAP) we need chairs and coordinators for the downhill/cross-country/UOP winter programs.

MIA (Master Pieces in Art)-we would like to propose a change this year. We will pick 2-3 of the best projects and the goal is to possibly have parent volunteers assist by going into

the classroom on days a teacher knows they will be out and will have a sub. A MIA project could be used to supplement the classroom activity vs. pulling students out during regular classroom time.

### **Safety Patrol Morning Drop-off Procedures**

**Parents are kindly asked and reminded to follow the instructions below to assist with a smooth and safe drop off:**

Please do not drop your kids off in front of the school where the busses drop off. Go to the next driveway and drop kids off at the side door to the Cafeteria.

Please pull forward all the way to the end of the drive or to the most forward available spot when dropping off your child / children.

Please have your child / children exit on the right side of the car. Please do not have them exit the car to the left as that exposes them to traffic and parents pulling out into traffic.

Don't stop right after you turn in or at the top of the hill by the steps and doors ... keep going ... your child will be able to make the walk just fine.

Please hang-up the cell phone.

If you want to get out and walk your child in, please park at the Church and walk them across the street.

Do not leave your car in the driveway or on the sidewalk as that both is not safe and obstructs traffic.

Please remember that all the parents helping out in the morning are volunteers. Be nice. :-)

And please slow down. This is just Elementary School ... if you are speeding to make it on time, just leave the house a minute or two earlier.

- Reflections in Art- This year's theme:  
"The World Would be a Better Place If..."
- Newsletter = Celebrations and News  
We want to inform but not overwhelm our families.  
And Chairs will email communications eventually to a communications chair and then to Lisa Hebert ([lhebert@pcschoools.us](mailto:lhebert@pcschoools.us)) by Wednesday at 5pm. Please keep information short and simple, maximum 2-4 sentences. Use link, if possible, for more information.  
\*\*Subject to change with communications chair

### **Adjournment**

#### **Calendar of Events**

*(More events and dates TBD)*

#### **PTA meetings – 8:15am**

Sept 2nd, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> (luncheon)

#### **Pastries with the Principal – 8:30, in conference room**

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **DLI New Family/1<sup>st</sup> grade Orientation – 6:30pm, Ecker Hill**

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **District PTO meetings, 1-2:30pm**

Sept. 22nd, Nov. 17th, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 30th, May 18th  
**Fall Carnival – 4:30-7pm**  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

**Literacy Nights – 6pm**

Nov. 12th and Mar. 4th

**Parent Teacher Conference Weeks**

Oct. 6-10<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>-6th

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Oct. 6-10<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>-6th

**Park City Education Foundation (PCEF)**

Red Apple Gala

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

Author in Residence

Sept. 17-18<sup>th</sup>

Reyna Grande, “The Distance Between Us”

Beat the Call

Sept. 29-Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

Phone-a-thon

Oct. 20-23<sup>rd</sup>

Live PC GIVE PC

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Running with Ed

May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Last day of school**

Jun. 4th