

Park City School District – PTO/PTA Community Council

November 9, 2015, 1:00 pm

MINUTES

attendees: Riki Case, Amy Macuga, Kerrie McNeely, Shannon Schemmer, Pam Woll, Ericha Oberg, BariNan Rothchild, Kellee Shea, Kari Talbott, Amy O'Reilly, Sara Anderson, Abby McNulty, Jen Billow, Abby Funabiki, Julie Eihausen

Superintendent: Ember Conley

Council Board: Sara Bresee, Riki Case, Amy Macuga, Kerrie McNeely, Shannon Schemmer

PTO/A Presidents:

PCHS	Pam Woll
TMJH	Ericha Oberg
EHMS	Brandy Rasmussen
JRES	Kerrie McNeely, BariNan Rothchild
TSES	Kellee Shea
PPES	Shelly Barratt, Suzanne Vandenberg
MPES	Kari Talbott, Sabina Gobba

PCEF

- fundraising– Abby McNulty
 - Abby reviewed the fundraising calendar and strategy for PCEF. Her presentation will be posted along with these minutes on the District PTO/A web site.
 - The overall parent-appeal (\$180/day) includes the Back to School Letter, Beat the Call, and Phone-a-Thon. Parent participation is 40%, the goal is 50%. Although initial contribution was down because online school registration made contributing more complicated, the overall contribution is up significantly.
 - There was discussion of how online registration contributed to a decline in PCEF and PTO/A contribution. **Action Item:** Riki to work with Andrew Frink, Ember Conley, and Patty Shire to make the overall online registration process more streamlined and consistent among schools in hopes of fixing this problem.
 - There was discussion on the need to educate parents on what funds/fees they can expect to pay throughout their student's PCSD education, including school fees, class fees, and PCEF contributions. Julie Bargowski at JRES has started a flier. **Action Item:** BariNan will use this as a starting point to create messaging.

New Items

- result of School Bond vote – Ember Conley
 - Ember Conley had to cancel short notice. Julie Eihausen communicated that the school board is formulating a plan on the next steps.
- STEM Model for Utah - Park City Developed – Ember Conley
 - Ember Conley had to cancel short notice. Julie Eihausen communicated that Kathy Einhorn (curriculum director) and Ember Conley have developed a model. It hasn't been presented to the school board yet, but probably will be at the Nov 17th meeting. Other districts are looking at our model.
- Facility Use Policy
 - Julie Eihausen, acting as PTO parent and not school board member, provided a background on the Facility Use Policy. Julie Eihausen and Julianne Carone have been working with district administrators for about three years now on revisions to the policy and are now in agreement on the policy. For PTO programs to avoid having to pay a facility use fee, they must meet certain criteria. Julieanne has created a form which school PTO Boards need to use to evaluate their programs. All programs must be evaluated by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Forms must be kept on file at each school.

- **Action Item:** Riki will get the form and get it posted on the District PTO/A web site so everyone can access it.
- **Action Item:** PTO Presidents to ensure programs are evaluated by the end of the school year.
- With Julie Eihausen being on the school board, she cannot serve as the PTO representative on a policy committee. If a policy that impacts the PTO needs to be reviewed in the future, Julie will contact the District PTO/A so that a PTO rep can be found.
- Classified Staff day
 - Amy from PCSD Transportation has sent out information to let all the PTOs know that Nov 18th is the day to honor classified staff. It was decided that each school's PTO should let Amy know what their plans are. JRES will have students with signs for the bus drivers to see. Classified staff are generally included in Teacher Appreciation Day.

Continuing Items

- Planetarium
 - no interest from : PCHS, TMJH, EHMS
 - It was confirmed that all elementary schools are willing to contribute about \$5000 dollars to the planetarium. The remaining funds, about \$8000, could possibly come from a PCEF grant. PCEF grant applications are due March 30, 2016.
 - We need to confirm that teachers at each elementary school will use the planetarium. The grant application needs to come from Gina Mason. **Action Items:** Riki will communicate with Gina that she needs to drive this.

Learning From Each Other

- Fundraising plans for each school – all
 - Since PCEF shared their fundraising strategy, there was no further need for all the schools to share their fundraising plans.
- Therapy Dogs – Riki Case
 - Therapy dogs were brought in the PCHS during the last week of the quarter. It was a huge success. If anyone is interested in bringing therapy dogs to their school and would like further information, contact Riki.
- School Bus Utilization – elementary schools
 - Alex Brown, a parent at JRES, is driving an effort to better utilize school buses and to eliminate or reduce the \$200/child fee for riding the bus if a student lives within the boundary for free busing. Her focus is on elementary schools at this time. She is planning on speaking at the public comment time at the 11/17/15 school board meeting
 - JJ Ehlers, the School Board member for Alex Brown's district, is scheduled to meet with Alex this week.
 - Julie Eihausen communicated that this hasn't come up as an issue before and that the board will have to look into it. There are many factors to consider and the situation is more complex than it appears on the surface.

Next meeting: Monday, January 25, 2016.