**PTO General Meeting Minutes ----- September 9, 2014 at TimberRidge library**

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| **Meeting Start** | Called to order by Anne Sheeley at 7:02pmIntroductions of all in attendance |
| **PTO Meeting Minutes** | May 2014 Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve May 2014 PTO General Meeting minutes made by Tami Wise, 2nd by Sara Bath, all in favor, passed. |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | Reviewed: * End of year Total Assets balance is $53,313, consisting of: Checking account $32,934, scrip account $100, and Playground CDs for $20,279. Last year’s net revenue $22,188, and total funds spent $17,148.
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| **Committee Updates** | * Homeroom Coordinators (Ginger Y) – informational meeting held prior to PTO meeting
* School Supplies (Sara B) – 164 boxes delivered, recommend more than 2 volunteers for disbursement to classrooms
* Summer Reading/Math Splash (Lauren T) – 780 students earned a book, 200 a popsicle, and 130 a chance at staff dunk tank. Dunk tank moved to Friday Sept 26th due to weather.
* Skate Party (Penny D) –Sept 18th 6-8pm at Skate North, $6. Parties are in exchange for providing free skate rental for school PE skating unit.
* Hospitality (Tammy D) (also Diana C, Amy W, and Raquel B) -New staff gifts of goodies and magnets provided.
* Communications/Website (Marcie, Beth, Lacey) – started to update site with current information. Website and Blog are timberridgepto; Facebook is timberridgeptoelementary and is private, can see you are a member but postings are private.
* Grant Committee – (Ginger Y) – Ginger volunteered to chair and Cheryl S will get the request forms to Ginger to send out to teachers.
* Family Events (Lacey G) – New committee – will include events for fun family oriented gatherings. July was Movie and Popcorn in gym and was very well attended. Will also include the spring Fun Run and other possible ideas like Costume party, Holiday shopping drop in, Bingo night, or sporting event discounts.
* Fall Book Fair (Sara M, Megan T) –Nov 7th set up, open Nov 10th to 18th same as conference week. Asking for volunteers to run cash register for daytime and the 2 conference evenings, especially first couple days when younger students come through. Will send out volunteer spot sign up request. % of sales goes to Scholastic credit for teachers and library to get books.
* Spring Book Fair Still in need of coordinators for this in March – need to watch current Fall chairs to learn the process.
* Purple Party (Jyll M chair, Mary S for baskets and Amy W volunteered to take the Pop/Cake Chip donation) – District wide Fundraiser event at HS in winter with kid games/prizes and gift baskets to bid on.
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| **Old Business** | * Committee Chairs for 2014/2015 still needed –Some have been filled (see above), but still have openings for: Spring book fair. Also need to look at filling positions for next year committees that have a 5th grade chair leaving.
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| **New Business** | * New Scout night informational meeting – Sept 11th at 7pm in TR cafeteria. Mike Cardwell, Cub Scout Leader for Pack 31(TR PTO is the sponsor) requested approval from PTO to send out New Scout invitation via PTO email list. Motion to approve by Lacey Giunta, 2nd by Sara Bath, all in favor, passed. Marcie will send email with flyer.
* Spirit Wear – There has been interest in ordering TR school spirit wear like T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Need to decide on a logo and check with vendors (Possibly Broken Arrow). Cheryl H. noted that this year’s Character T-shirts by grade level will feature the Johnston J flame logo with TimberRidge’s name and will be in gray, black and purple colors. Amanda V. volunteered to chair this and check into a vendor, Jaime F. will help.
* Pizza Ranch incentives – tabled until next meeting.
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| **Timber Ridge News** | * Cheryl Henkenius
* TimberRidge now has 705 students, last year was 480, and has added 20 new staff.
* Digi Kids (formerly called Web Masters) involves four 5th graders per trimester that will help with the TR website. Students must apply for the position.
* Kids Bank is a program through First National Bank that provides the opportunity for all TR students to have a savings account. A bank front is set up in the mornings in the school open area for students to deposit $ and is staffed by the students. 3rd and 4th grade students apply to work at the bank and are interviewed. Only 10 students are chosen either as board members, tellers or marketing team.
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| **Disbursement Requests** | * Cheryl Henkenius-
* A to Z learning subscription for Reading and Vocabulary – Teachers use books and instructional materials. One subscription per grade level provides copy to share with all the teachers. Motion to provide $700 to renew subscriptions made by Mary Skinner, 2nd by Beth Arnold, all in favor, passed.
* Author visit on Sept 25th by Jill Esbaum who is a local Iowa author. Sharing author travel and hotel costs with other Johnston elementary schools. Motion to provide TR with $950 for author visit costs made by Sara Miller, 2nd by Lisa Morlock, all in favor, passed.
* MIMEOs – (connect to projector to make white boards interactive with students and teachers) Request for 5 more to use in new classrooms. $600 each. Already had approved to set aside $4500 for this in previous meeting.
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| **Adjourned** | At 8:15pm; motion to adjourn made by Cheryl Smith, 2nd by Sara Bath, passed. |
| **Attendance** | Anne Sheeley, Sandy Lindgren, Marcie Simons, Cheryl Henkenius, Diana Caliger, Tammy Dial, Ginger Yates, Cheryl Smith, Tami Wise, Sara Bath, Mike Cardwell, Lauren Templeman, Lisa Morlock, Karen Henderson, Mary Skinner, Sara Womacks, Jaime Fageroos, Michelle Lange, Nadira Ross, Sandy Miller, Annalee Wiltfang, Amy Withers, Amanda VanWyk, Julia Smith, Lacey Giunta, Sara Miller, Beth Arnold, Holli Keshwani, Kristine Nicewarner, Alycia Comer, Michelle Veach. |

**Reminder – See you at next meeting: Tuesday Oct 14, 2014 at 7:00pm at TR LMC**