



PTO General Meeting  
12/05/2017 - Minutes

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 11/07/17 were reviewed. Heather Mee motioned to approve and Krysten Crawford seconded. Vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Principals Update (Dr. Shetzer):

- The new library carpet has been installed, new computer desks and 35 new Google Chrome-books have been ordered. Also, some new furniture will be added and we are hoping to have the library painted. Our librarian Ms. Jennifer Demoss will become a full time employee in January. She is rearranging the fiction books in the library by genre, this will help the kids access the books quickly. Our first order of books(\$10,000) has arrived and the librarian has been given the go ahead to order \$15,000 worth of new books.
- The district is paying for all new curtains in the Auditorium.
- Pershing has received \$330,000 from the state because we have high enrollment. We need to spend all of this money by June. The funds will be used for the following ; ordering more computers for classrooms, the auditorium's equipment will be updated, PE will receive money, and so will Fine Arts, the new guitar teacher is rebuilding that program and will need funds. The Pershing pool will need to be drained, acid washed, cleaned, and refilled as well at the end of the year.

Spaghetti Supper/ Fine Arts Showcase November 9th from 6-8pm: Jennifer Fernandez and Kim Marosis

- This event was a great success, especially the dessert table! This fundraiser made \$7,109. Thanks to Linda Barcot who was able to get some donated desserts from Nothing but Bundts.
- We discussed maybe next year starting the dessert sales after school to increase revenue.

VP of Outreach: Ilse Rassin ([ilserassin@gmail.com](mailto:ilserassin@gmail.com))

- 8th Grade Activities: Chick-fila fundraiser was a success and generated \$1,900 towards 8th grade activities
- 8th Grade t-shirts will be distributed to homerooms on 12/15/17.
- Trip to Typhoon Texas (May 25th); tickets are \$30 and go up to \$35 after December 31st.
- Community Service: Our Pershing volunteers have volunteered at Bellaire United Methodist sorting presents for their Jingle Bell Express event. BUM helps to provide presents for 1,500 families.
- Thanksgiving Food Drive was very successful and the Emergency Aid Coalition, a non profit organization that feeds, clothes, and ministers to Houston's poor and homeless community was very appreciative of all the donations.

- If you have any ideas or suggestions for opportunities where our students can volunteer their time please contact Ilse.

President: Beth Lane ([bethlane91@gmail.com](mailto:bethlane91@gmail.com))

- Bingo will be Feb. 2nd, 2018 (Friday)
- Lamar HS is having their Roundup Event for current 8th graders (see Panda Post for details)
- Friday, December 8th is the Magnet Application deadline for High School
- Discussed adding new water fountains in school that have an option to fill a water bottle with filtered water.

Treasurers Report: Heather Mee

- The budget for July 2017-June 2018 was distributed and reviewed by PTO members. Two changes are more money was added to 8th grade activities since this is now an off campus event at Typhoon Texas. Secondly, the Principal's discretionary fund went down from \$20,000 to \$15,000. Besides those two items the rest of the budget is the same as last years.
- Motion was made to approve and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Our next meeting is January 23rd, 2018 at 8:30am in the Library.