



Commerce Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2018

Attendees:

Crystal Darling	Jillian Moutafis	Christina Carlin	Mary Locke	Kimie Saperstein
Sandra Ferris	Erica Fraser	Meghan Smith	Penny Shanahan	Shayna Levin
Andi Parel	Jennifer MacQuarrie	Gillian Edwards	Moly Hines	Pam Rochester

- I. Call to Order @ 704 by Shayna Levin President
- II. President's Report
 - a. Color run was amazingly successful. \$32,425.78 raised. This is almost 10K over our goal.
 - b. Next big project? Likely a vote at the next meeting
 - c. Sponsors still needed for picnic tables in pavilion please contact Shayna
 - d. Need to revote on bylaws. They are on the PTA website if you would like to review.
Voting for approval will be in January
 - e. Pizza kits are not being sold in fall in favor of our one fall color run fundraiser and one spring cookie dough. Only two big fundraisers per year.
 - f. Calendar updates- membership event is now on Feb 1 at Waterford Lanes, All PTA members and their families are invited to this free event for bowling, bounce house, food, and fun. Please join the PTA! Anyone who would like to attend the event and isn't a PTA member will just need to pay \$11-which is the cost of a membership.
 - g. Pizza parties are being awarded for classes with 70% PTA membership. Please encourage others to join.
 - h. Veteran's Day Event will be Commerce Elementary collecting items to create kits to donate to a homeless shelter in Detroit. The 4th grade will be taking on this project as a leadership project in conjunction with the Caleb White Project. Veterans from community are welcome to join the Veteran's Day Assembly.
- III. Around the room introductions
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. VP Fundraising and events
Upcoming:
 - Holiday craft night is December 5 –opportunity for kids to create projects to take home which they can give as gifts etc,

- Commerce cares Tree-The district will choose families from within the district who need support during the holiday season. Commerce Elementary sponsors 2 families. Items needed will be posted in the lobby. Kids can choose items to donate then drop them off into the lobby.
- Book fair same week as holiday craft night
- Fall Fair is Friday Oct 26, 630-830: carnival games, food for sale, (accepting cc for food), presale is best, more expensive at the door, volunteers receive a free \$20 wrist band, silent auction, volunteering spots are still open.
- AR workshop event is Friday, Nov 9 in Milford. This is an adult event. 15% of sales are donated back- 20% if 20 people attend. All attendees must register online and prepay.
- Hungry Howie's Pizza night is coming up in tow weeks. Tickets are available on the counter at the shop and will come home as well.

b. VP Membership

- School directory in process. Look for in early mid November
- 3 classes who have reached 70% PTA membership Several in 50-60% range

c. VP Communication

- Please check out the PTA website and look around at the minutes, budget, etc. Intention is for this to be a one stop shop for info and events

d. Treasurer

- Notes from last meeting

e. Secretary

- Motion to approve September minutes: Jillian Moutafis
- Second: Christina Carlin
- Approved

f. Legislative Rep at a candidate forum tonight: Erin Kelly

V. Principal's report

- Please educate yourself on information regarding the upcoming election and how it effects your children's education. It truly matters.
- Excited to be deeper into the school year and in a groove, great staff meetings and professional development sessions. –worked on strategies and technique in writing recently.
- Halloween parade/parties planned for October 31-if rain parade will be cancelled but the parties will continue as planned,
- Ms. Kubler is currently working on a kindness club.

- VI. Teacher's report-Penny Shanahan –Teachers are thankful for the support, national geographic magazines, treats and meals etc. provided by the PTA. It really makes their day and they feel like they work in the best school with the best PTA.
- VII. Old Business-
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Sandra Ferris-IEP Parent advisory committee meets once a month and any parent can come. The next meeting is on Thursday, Oct 25. There will be a lot of info about what an IEP is, how you can get involved in IEP, and disability awareness day for the 4th and 5th graders is coming up
 - b. Pink out on Friday, October 19
 - c. Monday, October 22 is baseball caps for a cause. \$1 to wear a baseball cap will go towards Booing at Beaumont which is making kit and bags of goodies for children who are hospitalized and cannot Trick or Treat.
- IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 by Shayna Levin

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 28 at 7pm