



# FREDSTROM ELEMENTARY PTO

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## MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2019 7:00 PM

FREDSTROM ELEMENTARY MEDIA CENTER

President: Erin Rourke  
Secretary: Cristi Stewart

Vice President: Kelly Bielenberg  
Treasurer: Lisa Siegel

Members Present: Gwen Bowers, Emily Trotter, Karla Bandemer, Erin Rourke, Kelly Bielenberg, Lisa Siegel, Cristi Stewart

Staff Present: Cheryl Richter, Adam Vinter

Erin Rourke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### **Old Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa spoke about the cash receipts and PTO payments since our last meeting in January. Lisa also told PTO chairs, please remember to give us a week or more if you need an invoice paid or reimbursement, and a receipt or invoice is required for PTO to pay you back for purchases you made. Lisa also added that she plans to stay on as Treasurer next year. Kelly Bielenberg moved to approve the report and Cheryl Richter seconded the motion.

**Secretary's Report:** The January Minutes were reviewed, since the February meeting was canceled due to bad weather. Lisa Siegel moved to approve the Minutes and Erin Rourke seconded.

### **New Business:**

**School PTO Parent Representative- Angie Green:** Angie came to visit and tell us a little about the things the PTO at School does and to encourage 5th grade parents to attend the April PTO meeting at School to check it out. Angie said the PTO meetings are a good way to connect and know what is going on at the middle school. She also added that there are not as many activities or family events at that grade level but they have implemented a system for parent volunteers to earn free reserved seats at some of the school events, such as concerts. School PTO helps support a Geography Bee, Quiz Bowl, and field trips as well as a few other similar events.

**Fun Fair:** There was not a chair at the meeting to fill us in on the details of this event, Kelly Bielenberg offered to reach out to the committee chairs to check in with them and also inform them of the reminder Lisa gave regarding reimbursements. We look forward to hearing from them at the next PTO meeting in April.

**2019- 2020 Officers and Committee Chair Positions Available:** We will have one Executive position that needs filled, Secretary, as Cristi will be at a different school next year. Erin said she will be checking in with all the current chairs to see who plans to stay on for next year and who will be unable to continue their chair position. At the April meeting we will give notification for all open positions coming next year and then the Executive Board positions will be voted on at the May meeting.

### **Principal's Report:**

Cheryl Richter reported that there will be a change in office staff, as Ellen our Registrar in the main office has decided to retire. Ellen has been at Fredstrom for 7 years and a donation will be made from the PTO in her name to the Backpack Program, Cat House or the Humane Society. The PTO decided they liked the idea of donating to the Backpack program as it will be helping kids as well as honoring Ellen. Cheryl also said that they



have been interviewing candidates and they are hoping to have the position filled by April, she added that they currently have a sub helping in that position. The staff appreciate our patience as these changes are made over the next couple weeks and Cheryl added she looks forward to the consistency that will occur once the slot has been filled.

### **Staff Report:**

Adam Vinter added a note about the Backpack program, the walk is coming up in late April and that he will be sharing more information about that event as it gets closer. He also said, on behalf of the staff, thank you for the conference dinners, the K-cups and snacks that the PTO provides, they are always very appreciated. He added that Team 1 created a short thank you video for the grant funding they received to purchase more books to restock their reading room. The video contained clips from different first graders saying thank you for the books that the PTO funded and their excitement at having new books to read to help them become better readers.

### **Committee Reports:**

Fundraising: Karla shared that the spring fundraiser is going on and even though it had a few mistakes so far, she anticipates it will be a successful event. Online orders can be shipped directly to the buyer, if they choose and Emily added her family received their order in just 2 days. There was also some discussion about cash donations, there are 2 ways for people to make cash donations, thru text to pay (where the company takes a portion), or making a payment directly to the PTO. Karla was going to check in with her contact as to whether kids could earn prizes for cash only donations, even if they are directly paid to school instead of through the text to pay option. She said kids could earn the adopt-a-pets for sure with cash donations, as she is handling that part of the prize disbursement herself and she would get back to us on whether students could earn other prizes that way as well.

Karla also wanted to share another fundraising opportunity that she and Emily have been working on. A Night out at the Saltdogs- We would pick a seating area so all the Fredstrom families would be together, it is advertised via fliers and all tickets are purchased online so there is very limited work required of the fundraising committee for an event like this and we make 50% off the ticket sales. Friday night games feature fireworks and Saturdays are Buck Games, with \$1 deals at the concession stands. We can also choose to do the National Anthem, Watch Dogs (where some kids get to walk across the field before the game), and the between the innings games on the field (where staff and faculty would be doing the games). The general consensus was to try it, we decided to try to get the June 8th game, if it is still open, we chose the baseline reserved seating tickets (\$12 each) with the option of picking up your tickets at will call or printing them at home. Adam offered to check with Mr. Brookens to see if the choir wanted to sing the National Anthem, with the understanding that they will have to buy tickets to attend the game.

Erin said for the April meeting we hope to have Mrs. Settles as a guest speaker and to hear from the Fun Fair chairs. Meeting was adjourned by Erin Rourke at 7:58 pm.

Approved this 8th day of April, 2019, by:

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Erin Rourke, President

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Kelly Bielenberg, Vice President



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Cristi Stewart, Secretary