

# Auburn Elementary PTO

## Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

*Meeting called to order at 6:29pm*

Members Present: Laura Harrison, Darci Koci, Casi Birnley, Rachelle Peterson, Melinda Patterson, Kirby Richard, Sonja Garrett, Amanda Kieffer, Shannon Allison, Michael White, Shari Weeks, Debbie Haag, Alisha Schwinn, Jill Hamilton, Brandy Deutscher, Jana Tiollion, Laura Kellogg, Tiffany Wegele

### **Welcome/Introductions**

### **Review of Minutes from September Meeting**

- Motion to approve by Shari Weeks and seconded by Darci Koci.
- Approved by all.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Nominees for 437 district board
  - Jacqueline Lightcap
  - Michael White
  - Amanda Kieffer
  - Bryan Smith

### **Treasurer's Report**

- \$400 of Amazing Race money was donated to Teague Elementary in Houston, TX to buy books for the classroom.
  - They were also sent stickers to go inside the books saying "Donated by Auburn Elementary"
  - Teague Elementary will send us pics when they get everything ready and set up.
  - Treasurers' report was motioned to approve by Brandy Deutscher and seconded by Debbie Haag.
  - Approved by all.

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### **Principal Report**

- Auburn elementary skate party
  - Starlite Skate
  - October 12, 5:30-7:30
- No school Friday, October 13.
  - Staff work day
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - October 18, 4:30-8:00
  - October 19, 8:00 am-8:00 pm
  - Report Cards will be handed out at conferences
- New staff
  - Kyle McElwee
    - Head Custodian
  - Julie Chalfant
    - Night Custodian
  - Erin Temple
    - Day Custodian
  - Kathryn Boyd
    - Full-time Social Worker

### **Teacher Report**

- Alisha Schwinn, second grade
  - Money brought in from the Family Movie Night
    - Dojo & SeeSaw
    - Students get to go at their own pace without holding other students back
      - Personalized learning in math
      - Eventually they'd like to have this in every subject
  - Flexible Seating
    - Going over great
    - Chairs, Metal Chairs, Wobble Stools

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### Teacher Report (continued)

- No assigned seating
  - Students are encouraged to sit anywhere, everyday

### Teacher Request

- Shari Weeks
  - Asking \$500 Body Venture
    - On November 17
    - It's an exciting tour of the human body featuring engaging, experiential educational activities.
    - A 45-foot by 50-foot Venture-through exhibit representing the human body,
    - Classroom activities for use prior to and following the students' trip through the exhibit,
  - Volunteers **NEEDED**
    - 10-15 volunteers
      - For setup
        - Nov 17
      - Take down
        - Nov 16
    - 13-26 volunteers
      - Help throughout the day, Nov 16
      - National Honor Society will be there to guide tours
- Request motion to approve, taking money out of enhancements, by Darci Koci
- Seconded by Sonja Garrett. Approved by all

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### **New Business**

- Playground Equipment
  - PTO is purchasing balls for each grade
    - Total cost \$800
      - \$91; 1 mesh bag per grade
      - \$689; 6-8 balls in each bag, per grade
    - Color-coded by grade
  - Bags containing balls will be stored in the new outdoor equipment box
    - Teachers will make an extra effort to get students pick up ALL balls before going inside from recess
  - Debbie Haag made a motion to approve, under the circumstances that we have a Bake Sale to offset the price
    - Handout will go out prior to Bake Sale, stating what the funds will go towards
  - Laura Harrison seconded. Approved by all.

### **Committee Reports**

- Teacher Appreciation Dinner
  - THANK YOU to Sarah Packard, who is heading
  - Mexican theme
  - Everything is underway
  - Needing the number of plates, utensils and napkins at the school
    - Casi Birnley to contact Sarah
- Duct Tape Dunham
  - December 1
  - Dunham will be duct taped to the wall prior to the morning assembly and released after assembly is over
  - Dunham will be in a long-sleeved, long-pant, painters “type” suit
    - Will be duct taped by adults volunteers

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### Committee Reports (continued)

- Duct tape will go on sale
  - Date to go on sale, TBD
  - \$1
  - 18" strip
- Box Tops
  - 6,343 collected so far
  - Pre-K 42; Kindergarten 488; First 319; Second 324; Third 366; Fourth 507; Fifth 833; Sixth 499; Unaccounted 3965
- Auburn Parade
  - THANK YOU to Tiffany Wegele, Casi Birnley & Christine Doud
  - Great turn out; 15 plus students!
  - Next year, we will have
    - Sturdy, reusable bags to help carry candy
    - Bigger trailer
    - Banners needed
      - See Melinda about Lions banner
- Family Food Night
  - Gambino's
    - Date coming soon
- Carnival/Silent Auction
  - Amanda Sonnier is heading silent auction
  - Donation letters to business' will be sent by Oct 31
- Fall Fundraiser
  - Fundraisers will be collected Oct 16
  - Prizes and items will be delivered before Thanksgiving break

*Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm*