

HOPE SCHOOL PTO

C/O Hope School
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Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Association

Hope PTO Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2016
Minutes taken by: Barb Bureau

Meeting began 3:50pm, Tues, October 5, 2016

In Attendance: Diane Olthius, Patti Truesdell, Barbra Bureau, Sara Fortin, Michael Hanson, Sandra Barron, Tahenta Stroh, Kristy Peterson, Jason Skaarren

PTO Discussion

Discussion about PTA vs PTO. We basically cannot continue as a PTA so we will become a PTO. Not much of a difference except how our monies are handled (all through KPBSD now...?). As a PTO it's simpler - no audit, no taxes. Our bylaws don't need to change. We can still lobby as any group, raise money, etc, just can't use the name PTA

Patti made a motion that we become a PTO. Seconded. All in favor

Meetings will still be every second Tuesday alternating between lunch hour and after school. Next meeting set for Nov 8, noon-ish. We should post the meetings at least a week before on KPBSD website. Michael said the school board wants to get more involved and may come to the meeting if they know about it.

Same officers as PTA.

Principal's Report:

Michael informed us we got a check for \$1000 back for energy savings/utilities from last year

Michael reported on Leadership academy, she and Sandy attended...? "Blended Learning"... described the Canvas program and how our kids can use it for all subjects. Goals and objectives discussed.

Michael said there is a budget meeting at Hope School Oct 13, 3:45. It's pre-recorded and will be discussing budget cuts etc. All are welcome to attend.

Teacher's Report:

Patti reported she will be gone next week. Tahnetta is subbing for her, Bob is subbing for Tahnetta. Oct 20 HS kids are going to Nikiski for debate practice. Open Gym on Thurs nights. Bob Yoter is cooking lunch for kids

tomorrow (Thurs). Also there is a 4H meeting tomorrow followed by Mexican potluck. Little kids will do crafts with Donna, older kids will have a meeting with Kristy.

Patti mentioned the \$1500 grant that we still have to build the gaga ball pit

Sandy reported the last cross country meet is on Friday in Kenai. They will leave around lunchtime. Sandy and Jason driving. An awards ceremony at school will happen sometime soon.

Miscellaneous:

Fundraising ideas discussed. Fun run in May, Pie Auction, not as many dinners... We need to form a fundraising committee.

Discussion about swim/gymnastics/ski lessons. Which do we want to do? Maybe get a note out to parents asking for input. Cold water survival class in Seward an option too. All agreed any kind of swim lessons are valuable.

Diane mentioned we have a \$500 Corridor grant available again and plans are in the works to go to Manitoba Cabin again (5th and up) in November.

Kristy mentioned Halloween Carnival is Oct 27, 6pm. Donations gladly accepted.

Meeting adjourned 5:00