

Pepper Ridge Elementary PTO
Minutes of Meeting
August 11, 2009

1. **Call to Order:** Dawn called meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Introductions:** Went around the room and introduced ourselves and what part of PTO we are representing.
3. **Review of Minutes:** Meeting approved from May 5, 2009 meeting. Hope made a motion, Kristie seconded.
4. **CAC:** Current representatives are Kyle Griffin and possibly Brian Peacher.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance in PTO account is \$13,921.00.
6. **Scrip:** Jessica Frerichs will be taking over for 2009-2010 school year. Discussion of unpaid scrip purchases and how to handle them. Possibly taking up front cash only from past offenders. Last year scrip's profit was between \$3,500-\$4,000.
7. **V.P. Programs:** There will not be as many assemblies this year. One in the fall, spring and end of year?? Planning still in process. The assemblies will hopefully be more specialized. Possibly getting an author to come in and doing something around diversity.
8. **V.P. Fundraising:** Will be trying Unraisers again this year. Maybe jump rope fundraiser or something to do with track. More to come.
9. **Box Top/Tyson Labels:** Shannon really wants to encourage ordering thru Barnes and Noble and Lands End in addition to turning in the Labels to get more support for the school. There was a limit of \$400 for Shannon to spend on getting some new fun activities for the students to do while they have indoor recess. She spent \$252 on some new activities for the kids. Will keep together in some sort of container with the Box Top logo to help kids recognize how they earned the new activities. Once a month the winning class will continue to get the movie and popcorn parties this year.
10. **Carnival:** Gift cards will be given to the "special contributors" for the last carnival for all the extra games they made for us. Shelly made the motion for this to be approved. Profit from Carnival brought in \$2,736.78!
11. **Hospitality:** Will continue working on the welcoming process for the new families. There will be a welcoming letter to go out from the PTO. Want to insure that all families know that ALL of their help is support is needed and wanted. Surveys indicated many parents didn't even know they were invited to come to the PTO meetings.
12. **IMC Coordinator:** No information recorded.
13. **Market Day:** The first pick up day is August 31st. Internet order cutoff is August 26th. The truck arrives at 3:30 to unload and it is usually done by 4:15-4:30. Volunteers are welcomed to speed this process. New process this year for orders that are not picked up. They will be sent back on the truck. Committee will no longer keep the items and make follow-up calls.
14. **Room Parents:** Signup sheets will be in the rooms at the open house. Mrs. Edwards will announce. PTO will try to give better instruction for the party coordinators.

15. **Special Events:** Will discuss further next month. School pictures are August 24th,
16. **Volunteers:** No new information
17. **Landscaping:** Chris Tabor will be helping out, as well as we are still looking for another volunteer.
18. **Teacher Reps:** Nothing new at this time.
19. **Old Business:** None to cover.
PTO Improvement Ideas: More Advertising, Introductions at every meeting, sending on PTO reminder stickers with the kids the day of the meetings, possibly doing a school reach call, possibility of new group-Welcoming Committee, and PTO packet contents. **If anyone has anything they want in the PTO Packet, PLEASE bring the next meeting in September.** There was discussion of ordering more paw print necklaces and window clings for cars. Motion made, okay to order 20 white ones. These will be sold at the PTO open house.
20. **Principal's Report:** There are camera's being installed throughout the inside and outside of school. Our school is priority, so shouldn't be too long before they are installed.
 - Enrollment at current time is approximately 450.
 - There is a background screening requirement for all volunteers throughout Unit 5. Can complete process at the Back to school open house, or come into the office at any time to complete. Unit 5 pays for screening. If you are approved at 1 school, then good for all Unit 5 schools.
 - Promise Council- Assembly August 21, 2009. There will be 100 caring adults attending to show the students all of the support they have. PTO board members are encouraged to attend. The assembly starts at 8:30 and concludes at 9:00.
 - Parking Lot Issue- Barricades have been purchased and the Bloomington Police will be present to get the process started.
 - School doors will open at 8:10 and the students will no longer be waiting outside, they will go to the gym for quiet reading time before it is time to go to class.

Next meeting is on September 8, 2009 at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm