



MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2018

Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm

Those present: Marie Sager, President, Nikki Niccolai Vice-President, Brad Schwer, Treasurer, Jodi Matthews, Secretary, Principal Roger Gahart, Susan Smith, Past President, Beth LaBell, Jennifer Tellez, Jen Ludwig, Lindsay King, Katie Niebuhr, Kris Kordecki, Ashley Lenfestey, Margaret Hefner, Bryan Hammond, Becky Keel, Margie Blair

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

All PSO meeting notes for the 2017-2018 school year are up on the school's website. The minutes from the last meeting of the 2017-2018 school year held in May were officer-approved via email.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Brad did not have copies of the Treasurer's Report ready for distribution. The checking account had a closing balance of forty-three thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars and eighty-six cents (\$43,132.86).

III. APPROVAL OF NEW OFFICERS

A Keel/Hammond motion was made and passed to approve Marie Sager as the new PSO President and Nikki Niccolai as the new PSO Vice-President.

IV. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1. Paris RedPages – Jen Ludwig indicated the editing portions of the RedPages have been completed and sent back to Holly. Cover and Growl contest entries were due Monday, September 10, 2018. Contest judging was completed by 10:00am on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Printing and binding of the RedPages will be completed and ready for distribution soon. Contest winners and all submissions for the lower grades will receive Paws and upper grades will receive Panther Bucks. This was the last year for the Growl contest as participation is always very low.

2. Panther Pride/CHS Homecoming Float (message from Beth LaBell) – This is the sixth year that CHS's feeder schools have been invited to compete in building homecoming floats and participating in the Homecoming Parade. This is a way to get involvement from the feeder schools. Paris School uses the trailer of a friend of Mr. Pace. The winning school receives one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. In the past when Paris School wins the competition, we donate or "pay forward" the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar prize money. Last year, the prize money was given to the owner of the trailer. This year the Homecoming Parade is scheduled for September 26,

2018 at 5:15pm and the theme is unknown at this time.

Beth is looking for someone to take over as lead for this event; it falls in the midst of the Panther Prowl.

A Smith/Keel motion was made and approved to allocate up to four hundred (\$400.00) dollars for float supplies.

V. SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

1. Halloween Party (message from Becky Keel) – The Halloween Party is a Paris Community event with refreshments, games, and activities. PSO supplies the candy and families will be asked to donate a snack for the night of the event. It is a two-part event with Kindergarten through fourth grade attending from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, and fifth through eighth grade attending from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. This event also kicks off Share Basket.

This year's date for the party is Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

This year's theme is unknown at this time.

Typically, the Town of Paris donates two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars. This pays for the party's DJ. Becky will be contacting Spoon Bailey to be this year's DJ again.

Becky asked Jodi to send out an email to families asking for help in any way.

A Smith/Hammond motion was made and approved to allocate up to three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for needed Halloween Party supplies.

VI. TEACHER AND STAFF SUPPORT

1. Teacher Wish Lists – Since 2009, PSO has supplied full-time and part-time teachers with money to use for classroom supplies and materials. Staff can either turn in their receipt(s) or order something. Theresa Schwer has agreed to chair the Teacher Wish Lists again this year. She typically sends something out to teachers at the end of October / beginning of November. Full-time staff receive one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars and part-time staff receive seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars.

VII. FUNDRAISING

1. Panther Prowl (message from Beth LaBell) – This year's 13th Annual Panther Prowl has been set for Saturday, October 13, 2018. The kick-off assembly will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 2:30pm. We are four weeks out! Students will receive their fundraising packets at that time. Packet assembly will take place on Thursday, September 13, 2018 in the cafeteria.

Not much information regarding the Prowl was discussed during the PSO Meeting because an hour-long Prowl Meeting preceded the PSO Meeting. See Beth if you're interested in helping out or getting involved in any way!

VIII. POST-EVENT FOLLOW-UP

1. 2018 Fair Display (message from Marie Sager and Nikki Nicolai) – This event is always very difficult with

getting volunteers. Marie and Nikki had difficulty with manning the Display when it occurs during the same time as 4H showings. Taking the artwork down was also the same day as 4H.

2. Kindergarten Mixer –Kris Wessel chairs this, and it always goes well. A snack is provided, goody bags are handed out, and students have the opportunity to take a short bus ride. Roger indicated all but one family was in attendance. Two new Kindergarten moms indicated this was a great way for families to meet. The ice cream treat went over very well with the students. Nikki Niccolai accompanied them on the bus ride and said it was one of the best; the students all followed the rules nicely and nobody cried.

3. Open House (message from Marie Sager) – Even with the new placement of the PSO table near the Kindergarten hallway not too many people stopped by. Marie indicated the board needs to be updated. An idea was to have a slide show on TV and the same one shown at the Kindergarten Mixer could be used.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

1. POPS (message from Nikki Niccolai and Beth LaBell) – The POPS Store is a “store” that is open once a month for students to “shop” at using their Paws earned from demonstrating positive actions and behavior. Nikki has agreed to chair it again this year. It will continue to be once a month on a Wednesday. She will work on a schedule with Rachel soon.

A Keel/Tellez motion was made and approved to allocate one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars for start-up and three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to maintain the POPS Store on a monthly basis.

Nikki also volunteered to chair the Middle School POPS Store which was previously run by Beth LaBell. Middle School receives Bucks to buy snacks, school supplies, or special items the Middle School Staff offer. Beth indicated she spent approximately three hundred (\$300.00) dollars last year to start up the Middle School Store and did not have to replenish all year. Eighth grade students will have the opportunity at the end of the school year to turn in their Bucks in exchange for a gift card; students order and PSO delivers. This will be further discussed later this year. It was suggested to Nikki that she check with Mrs. Erbrant regarding ideas of items for the bin.

A Keel/Hammond motion was made and approved to allocate three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to start-up and maintain the Middle School POPS Store on a monthly basis.

2. Through Nora’s Eyes (message from Margie Blair) – This is a benefit for Nora Lawton, daughter of a Paris School long-term substitute teacher, Mrs. Lawton. Nora lives with BBS Syndrome, a very rare genetic disorder. The proceeds raised for this fundraiser will help support medical costs endured, the frequent long-distance trips to receive medical care, and to the BBS Family Association. This would be the second year PSO has supported this benefit through a donation.

A Smith/Hammond motion was made and approved to allocate one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to provide a cash and candy jar at the fundraiser held on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

3. Junior Achievement (message from Margie Blair) – Junior Achievement of Wisconsin offers a program for students called JA Biz Town, which is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a day-long visit to a fully-interactive, real-life simulated town. Margie wanted to mention it early as this opportunity tends to fill up by November. She suggested this be for fifth and sixth grades and it can be done every other year. The cost is twenty-two (\$22.00) dollars per student. Margie was asking if PSO would consider covering half the amount. It was estimated that there are sixty-five fifth and sixth grade students. The PSO Board showed full support of this

program and agreed this is something that the PSO should fully cover. Two buses would be likely needed and parents would be asked to cover that cost.

A Smith/Keel motion was made and approved to allocate up to one thousand five hundred (\$1500.00) dollars for students to participate in Junior Achievement's JA Biz Town program.

Principal Gahart thanked us for all the items that were approved tonight. He mentioned that the new playground that PSO funds supported is well-liked by students. He thanked Bryan Hammond and Jeff Weidner for all their work in helping with the new playground. It cost forty-six thousand (\$46,000.00) dollars with a remaining balance of approximately twenty-six thousand (\$26,000.00) dollars for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Buddy Benches are being used and is a great addition to our school playground.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018
This meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jodi Matthews, Secretary
Minutes Approved: October 2, 2018