



PTO Parent Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017 (Thursday)

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Shelley Nadel – President
Jennie Biggs- Vice President
Kathy Kehn- Marketing/Communication Chair
Amber Hoffman – Spirit Shirt Chair
Carol Strickland – Fundraiser Chair
Margarita Ramos – Secretary

Board Members NOT in Attendance

Kathy Kahanek – Treasurer
Tammy Mills – Volunteer Chair
Ana Ponce – Parent Advisory Council President

School staff in Attendance

Lori Lambropoulos – Principal
Victoria Andrews- Special Programs Coordinator

Shelley Nadel:

- Welcomed everyone and thanked them from coming
- Introduced the Board Members
- Discussed what she focused on her first year as PTO president
 - Fundraising
 - Recruiting Board Members
- PTO president's focus for the next academic school year 2017-18
 - Continue with the improvement of Fundraising
 - Implementing stronger Communications lines between with parents, teachers, students and administrative team

- Announced that Ms. Lambropoulos is Lambropoulos no longer, because she got married over Spring Break. Her new last name is, Burey (?)

Lori Lambropoulos – Principal

- Thanked everyone for being here
- Thanked the PTO Board for doing everything that they do for the students at Energy
- Updated everyone in attendance on the New school:
 - It is at 40% completed
 - The construction company is in front of the schedule.
 - The BLK architects are great listeners and an amazing team
 - School is schedule to be completed a couple of weeks before Spring Break of the 2017-2018 academic school year and the official entrance day to the new school will be Fall 2018.
 - The new school is design is different from your traditional school. The classroom are not set up like a traditional classroom. They are set up into learning spaces.
- There are a lot of very cool things going on with Robotics, trust me when I say that they are really a force to be reckoned with. They are truly the school's Football team.
- It has been a crazy week, because it is our first year to graduate seniors and there are a lot of things that we have been putting in place to ensure that Senior have an experience unlike any other and to set the stage for the future senior classes.
- Prom is tomorrow, Friday April 20, 2017 from 8-12:00 at The Bell Tower on 34th street. We have a lot of teachers and some parents attending the prom as chaperones.
- Our senior exhibition and award ceremony took place last night, April 20, 2017 (Wednesday). At the senior award ceremony students preformed, announcements were made, awards were delivered and scholarships were announced.

Committee Reports

Jennie Biggs – Vice President reported for **Katthy Hahanek**- Treasure Report (absent)

- Discussed the treasures report in detail. Report was up to the end of March

Amber Hoffman – Spirit Shirt Chair

- Sold about 300 polo's this academic school year-2016/2017
- The next hoodie sale will take place: Fall of 2017
- This coming academic school year, orders will be handled a little different. Students will pre-order their polo's or hoodies.
- The selling of uniforms shirts is not really a profit for the PTO. There is a very minimal profit made for the sales.
- Polo shirts will stay at \$25 each

- A parent asked if there is any way that the seniors leaving can donate their polo shirts to the PTO and then the PTO can sell them for a lower price.
- Another parent said that seniors can donate the shirts to the nurse and then the nurse can in return give the shirts to the kids that cannot afford the price of a new polo.
- Another parent communicated why don't we ask the seniors to turn in their shirts for a chick-fil-a sandwich. Of course we would only give chick-fil-a sandwiches for shirts in good condition.
- The spirit shirts are now sold on-line

Carol Strickland – Fundraiser Chair

- The chick-fil-a fundraiser has been a great hit. The sandwich are available to purchase by anyone, for \$5.00. Takis, hot Cheetos and water bottles are also sold for an additional cost.

Kathy Kehn- Marketing/Communication Chair

- The platform for parents to sign up for Volunteers opportunities is now available on-line
- Continued efforts have been made to work with the school's e-news letter and get the word about PTO
- We also working with Rene to get the HISD sites updated with PTO news and announcements
- This summer I plan to work more on enhancing the PTO website and driving more parents the PTO website.
- Parent communicated that they really like link to the PTO website was added to the school e-news.

Victoria Andrews- Special Program Coordinator

- Reported on the dates for the STAAR
- Reported on the past and future dates of the SAT and ACT
- Communicated the reason for a parent advisory committee. She stated that a parent advisory committee was needed because Energy Institute High School is a Title I school. She also communicated the benefits to being a Title I school.
 - Students who qualify can receive waivers for SAT and ACT tests
 - Students who quality have free and reduced lunch
 - All students can receive free tutoring, etc.

Shelley Nadel:

- Communicated what some of the PTO will be used for:

- A Kiosk (printing station) for the students and staff. The kiosk will be Wi-Fi compatible, but it will not be HISD controlled. Students I.D. pre-programmed a certain quantity of copies and then the students will have the availability to swipe their student I.D. card and print their copies. The copies are 7cents each. This company mostly works with Universities, but they are testing their product out in High Schools. The company will come by and fix anything that needs to be fixed. The PTO board voted for it and it was passed by the PTO board. The school will sign a 12 month lease and if all goes well, they will renew the lease every year. This will be an ongoing expense for the PTO.
- The other main expense is money for the teachers. PTO will reimburse every teacher a \$100.
- Another item that the PTO board has agreed to pay for is school filtered water for the faculty and staff.
- The cost for all these items is approximately \$14,000. *Is there a motion to approve this amount for the items discussed? Shelley called for a Motion to approve the allocation of money to the school for this academic school (2017-2018). Jennie Biggs motioned to approve the expenses and Janice Watson second the motion. Budget for allocation of money was approved.*
- Parent asked a question about the schools printing kiosk:
 - Will the paper and ink be covered by the contract? Shelley responded YES it will be covered.
- The slate for next academic school year (2017/2018) is as follows:
 - President- Shelley Nadel
 - President Elect-**Nominations Being Accepted**
 - Fundraiser Chair-Niki Deltz
 - Marketing/Communications Chair-Kathy Kehn
 - Spirit Store Chair-Amber Hoffman
 - Volunteer Chair- Jennie Biggs
 - Treasure-Kathy Kahanek, Secretary
 - Margarita Ramos
 - Member at Large-Jane Shoppell
 - Member at Large-**Nominations Being Accepted**

Three positions were added to the slate: two Members at Large Positions and one President-Elect position. Any questions about the slate? *Shelley called for the Motion to vote on the slate. Jennie Biggs moved to adopt the slate, Gid Lewis second that motion. Slate for 2017/2018 was approved.*
- The nominations for President-Elect and one at Large Positions is now open. Please note that the person that agrees to be President-Elect, will have a two year commitment

because they will serve as a President-Elect the year of 2017/2018 and then serve as President the year of 2018/2019.

Sarah Levit – Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator

- Parents make sure to visit the PTO website for food and monetary contributions for this event
- Principal suggested for having a teacher social for the teachers to attend. Shelley communicated that she did ask a couple of teacher and they communicated to her that were not really interested in it because of STAAR testing coming up and because they don't want to continue to be, "On," as a teachers at a social event.
- Please check e-mails and PTO website upcoming information regarding this event week

Kathy Kehn - Marketing/Communication Chair

- Announced that there is one more person to acknowledge for her hard work and dedication to the school. That person is Shelley Nadel, our PTO president. Rewarded with a card and a restaurant gift card

Shelley Nadel - President

- Adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
- Thank you everyone for coming
- Announced for everyone to please take a slice or two of cake.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.