

PTO General Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016

Called to order: 8:52 a.m. adjourn: 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- HMS Update/PTO Role: PTO does not take an official position. A referendum going to vote March 2016. D181 hopes to open new school in 2017. View D181 website for specifics.
- SIC: Meet twice a year to allocate funds to school enhancements. December 2015 last meeting. Nine enhancements proposals, two tabled.

GENERAL MEMBER VOTES ON SIC

Tally will be announced next week once on-line proxy voting closes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Update on Fidelity Fund/Account: Consider donating Securities. Benefit for donor: When you donate the shares, full value is written off against personal taxes. Contact Denise Pacioni for more information.

PROGRAMS UPDATE

- Spelling Bee: first round today; three rounds total; 25 students participating.
- Wordmasters Challenge: offered three times a year, all students under 4th grade welcome to participate.
- Science Fair: April 19, 2016

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- Benefit: March 18th, Butterfield Country Club, 7pm. Tickets available on website. Auction items still needed.
- Bricks sales April.
- Boxtops: contest February 8th – 12th.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Parent's Night Out coming soon. Check Bulldog Blast for details.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER UPDATES

- Parent suggested partnering with Skyzone. They have a new program, free one hour jump session. Could be implemented similar to Reed to Succeed/Great America.
- Consider volunteering for PTO Executive Board. Contact Tami Carstensen for application.
- Concerns about lunch: more tables needed; issues with milk being expired not cold enough.
- Concern about flooding on grounds and replace/repair fence.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- MAP testing starts next week.
- She met with recess and lunch supervisors; safe and nurturing environment is the goal. Looking to implement new policies and procedures.