

Peterson Parent Meeting Minutes
PTA, PAC, & BAC
9/13/16

In attendance: Lloy Johnston, Jen Paschen, Erin Olenicz, Kristine Subido, Michelle Nickerson, Kristen Hunter, Maria Ciccone, Noor Hammadi, Jessica Espinosa, Shari Kittaka, Vicki Inglezou, Julia Valencia, Kristi White, Mandy Bevacqua, Judy Edstrom, Daisy Arias, Renee Cunningham, Margarita Pimental, Yolanda Rosales, Rosa Buzo, Rachida Dini, Christopher Escobar, Anita Gabor, Sandra Lorenzo, Laura Studee, Pamela Thuswaldner, Melanie Shank, Sonya Benham, Gaby Hasselquist, Chand Nasim, Maryam Nauman, Lynda Gibson, Barbara Nordlund, Ayele Tesma, Sabiha Vohra, Megan Trinter, Catherine Korda, Brooks Herning, Kate Kane, Janet Sotelo, Karem Gómez, & Scott Topel.

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Update on Peterson School for 2016-17 - Ms. Kane explained the current financial situation and conducted the Title I component of the meeting
- III. PTA Book Fair – Brooks Herning explained the Book Fair, which will take place the week of September 19th, and requested volunteers to assist with it
- IV. What are the parent groups and what are their roles? Catherine Korda & Megan Trinter explained the various parent organizations at Peterson and their purposes:
 - i. PTA = Parent Teacher Association – focuses on community-building at Peterson including organizing events and supporting volunteer program
 - ii. PAC = Parent Advisory Council – focuses on parent education and advocacy
 - iii. BAC = Bilingual Advisory Committee – will work with the PAC this year to help ensure that bilingual families have their needs met
 - iv. FoP = Friends of Peterson – focuses on raising funds for the school
 - v. LSC = Local School Council – passes the school budget and evaluates the principal
- V. Upcoming Events –
 - i. Back to School Nights – September 21st 5-7 p.m. for K-4th grade & September 22nd 5-7 p.m. for 5-8th grade
 - ii. International Night – October 21st from 5:30-8:00 p.m. – Lloy Johnston and Arielle Dachman are co-chairs of International Night, a celebration of the many cultures at Peterson sponsored by the PTA. Interested parents can join their planning committee.
 - iii. Dance-a-thon – week of October 24th – Laura Studee is chairing the second annual Dance-a-thon at Peterson, a student-driven fundraiser that takes place during PE classes.
 - iv. FoP – 5 for 5 Campaign & Local Pizzeria fundraiser – Catherine Korda explained that the 5 for 5 campaign is attempting to raise \$5000 by October 21st to receive an anonymous donor's contribution of \$5000 to purchase literacy curriculum. Local Pizzeria is donating 20% of sales Tuesdays & Saturdays until October 1st if folks mention Peterson School.
www.friendsofpeterson.org

- VI. Ways to be Involved –
- i. BAC Officer elections – Vicki Inglezou, Chand Nasim, & Sabiha Vohra were elected to be BAC officers.
 - ii. Sign up now to volunteer at Peterson and/or receive the newsletter electronically – laptops were available for participants to begin the volunteer sign-up process through CPS and/or sign up for the Peterson newsletter.
- VII. Other -
- i. Albany Park Library Curiosity Machine Family Science Nights - This fall, starting October 25, the Albany Park Library will have Family Science Nights for 5 Tuesdays geared towards kids in grades 3-5 and their families. There are lots of cool components to this program, but one of them is having parent volunteers to work through and help at the program. Interested parents do not need to have a science background, just be willing to work with their kids and other families. Also, parents do not need to commit to all five weeks, we are hoping for at least 2-3 weeks. We will have a training on September 29 from 6-7 for interested parents at the library. If anyone is interested in being a parent volunteer, they can contact Sarah Holtkamp at holtkamp@chipublib.org
 - ii. Clothing donations – Peterson is in need of clean clothing in all sizes (K-8th grade sizes) for students who may need to change due to accidents, rips, spills, etc. Clothes should be bagged and dropped off at the Main Office.
 - iii. J at School – Mr. Topel explained that they are still providing afterschool care as well as before school care this year. Parents can sign up for anywhere from a single day during the year to every day. Paper forms are available to sign up or a link is available online at www.peterson.cps.edu.
- VIII. What would you like to learn more about this year?
- i. Parents worked in small groups to answer questions from the PAC about what topics they would like to learn more about during the upcoming school year.
- IX. Upcoming Meetings –
- i. LSC – September 14th at 6:00 p.m.
 - ii. PAC – October 4th at 8:45 a.m.
 - iii. PTA – October 11th at 8:45 a.m.