

Heritage Elementary PTO
Heritage Elementary Library
August 22, 2016



- Call to Order- 6:32 p.m.
- Approve July Minutes- approved
- Introduction of the Board and Members/Welcome- 21 people present
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT→Mrs. Nelson
 - Good first week
 - Welcome back assembly, welcomed new students and staff
 - Today- tornado drill
 - Will do fire drill soon, monthly
 - Introduced new principal for the middle school to students, he came to lunch today, he will continue visiting so he can get to know the students
 - Teammates breakfast Tuesday morning
 - Heritage Tailgate Friday
- TREASURER'S REPORT→Amy Sempek
 - Budget Updates
 - Cleaned up overall budget to make it easier to read and follow throughout the year
 - Current balance \$14, 995.74
- OLD BUSINESS
 - Back to School decorating- Amber McCoy
 - Thank you to Amber McCoy for all of her work in getting our decorations prepared, and everyone that was able to donate their time to assist putting them up. The school looks very sporty!
 - Apparel- Amy Sempek
 - Orders were due 8/20 for back to school. Orders will be in before the first spirit day and delivered to the classrooms.
 - Thank you to Amy for all her awesome work on the new designs and quality of apparel!
 - Will do more apparel orders in the spring, if needed
 - Welcome Kits and Teacher welcome back gifts- Janene Huntley/Beth Tefft
 - PTO had a table set up at back to school night. All new students received a new badger blue t-shirt to wear, as well as info about the PTO. If you still need one please email HeritagePTO2012@gmail.com, so we can get one to your student
 - Staff welcome gifts were put together by Beth Tefft and were very cute. Decals for staff members are still coming! They will be worth waiting for :)
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Technology
 - \$5000 PTO will allocate for technology
 - Possibly I-pads or Chromebooks- all elementaries must do the same
 - Event coordinators-

- We are still in need of event coordinators for different committees:
 - Craft Fair (December 3rd)
 - 5th Grade Graduation
 - 6th Grade Graduation
 - Adopt the lounge
 - Festival of trees
 - Take and Bake Pizzas
 - Restaurant nights
- School directory→ Jenny Kuller
- Assemblies→ Sarah Addink \$1500 budget
 - Trying to book Omaha Street Percussion for December 21st 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.- waiting to hear back
 - Julia Cook Musical, My Mouth is a Volcano?
 - Dean Jacobs?
 - No new material for RESPECT assembly, so not doing that this year
- Room Parent Allocations- New forms for this were added to the box.
\$25/party/classroom, \$75/classroom/year
- Room Parent Coordinator→Beth Tefft
 - Looking for additional volunteers
 - Communicate regularly with teacher, coordinate teacher gifts, help with field day, main job is communication between you, teacher, and classroom parents, organize parties, talk with Mrs. Cheek to rent the gym- 2 RPCs for class
- Family Restaurant Night→ Janene Huntley/Bridget Williams
- Adopt the lounge → Beth Tefft
 - Can bring different items than food (mints, water, K-Cups, etc.)
 - Can bring treats for the teachers' lounge one day or all five days of the week you sign up for, it's up to you!
- Spirit Days→Melissa Beck
 - First Spirit Day scheduled for September 2th
 - First Friday of each month
 - Can wear anything Bennington
- Accelerated Reading→Cheri Snell
 - Scheduled to begin September 7
- Book Swap→Jenny Kuller/Cheri Snell
 - Scheduled to begin September 7
 - Students can bring in a gently used book, then when they create their frame, they can pick out a book to take home
- Box Tops→ Amy Sempek
 - Collect and send them in a baggie to school
 - Every classroom has a box
 - Classroom with most Box Tops will win an ice cream party quarterly
 - Quarterly we will count them after a PTO meeting
 - Main turn in dates are November and March
 - Class with the most box tops will win an ice cream party

- Teacher Wish List Book- Sarah Addink
 - Your RPC will provide the information to classroom parents to follow a link to the PTO website to view the teacher wish lists.
 - Once all teachers have responded a completed Teacher Wish List book will be in the office (it will include ALL staff members who completed the wish list form)
- Read-A-Thon→Rachel Tomlinson/Jenny Kuller
 - Begins Friday Sept 2
 - Students collect donations online and then earn RAT bucks to spend
 - 10 reading sessions per child. They will be 20-30 minutes in length.
 - 750 items the students can choose from the online store for prizes (15% of what they raise)
 - Will have a family reading night, will be tied to the Read-a-thon
 - Will receive a free shirt to wear for field day after raising a set amount
- Tailgate for Heritage→Rachel Tomlinson/Beth Tefft
 - September 2, 2016
 - At John Bohn's Park
 - 402 BBQ
 - Kona Ice
 - Apparel, decals, etc.
- Hy Vee Receipts- Amy Sempek
 - Drop your receipt in the Heritage Elementary box in the store and Hy Vee will donate 1% of the sale to our school
 - September 1st-December 31st
- Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/HeritageElementaryPTONebraska> like our page and get school reminders, updates and information about fellow Heritage families
- Website: www.heritageelementarypto.weebly.com
 - Has minutes, ways to contact the pto, photos, Teacher Wish List etc.
- Fundraising for 2016-17
 - Playground equipment??
 - Field??
 - Fundraising for playground equipment and a portion to field enhancement
 - Unanimously agreed on fundraising for 2016-17 for playground equipment and a portion to field enhancement
- Next PTO meeting will take place **September 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Elementary Library**
- Adjourn- 7:25 p.m.