

**Alanton Elementary School
PTA
Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:00 AM
AES Learning Commons**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM by Meghan Massie, PTA President
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Meghan Massie
3. In Attendance
 - a. Please see attached roster
4. Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the October 17th 2019 general meeting are posted to the website. There were no changes or additions. The minutes stand as posted.
5. Reports of Officers
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report
 - Working on audit for 2019
 - b. Principal's Report: Charlene Garran provided a verbal report
 - i. Excited about the big turnout we had for the first Cocoa and Coding event that was held in December. The event was a great success.
 - ii. AES are in the planning stages of their first Culture Night event hosted by the Spanish immersion classes from 1-5 grade. Students will showcase what they have learned about different countries and customs through games, food and crafts.
 - iii. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is a behavior support system that AES is officially implementing to teach our students good and safe behavior. An email was sent out with a link to the [PBIS Parent handbook](#)
 - Students receive incentives for good behavior in the form of blue tickets, where two winners of each classroom get a prize every week.
 - Classrooms can get incentives as a group.
 - A spaceship is located in the front lobby where all the tickets go and after it is filled, there will be school-wide incentives offered.
 - c. President's Report: Meghan Massie provided a verbal report.
 - i. Thank you to the Executive board, Mrs Garran and Jenn MacGregor
 - ii. The board is currently seeking a webmaster for the PTA website. The workload will be light and include uploading minutes to the website and managing it for the remainder of the school year.
 - d. First Vice President's Report: Meghan Massie spoke for Kathleen Brennan
 - Nothing to report at this time
 - e. Second Vice President's Report: Mindi Friedman provided a verbal report
 - i. T-shirt sales are finished for the year.
 - ii. Astro Sponsorship banner is in the hall.
 - iii. Thank you for all the families that have donated through the Facebook page.

- iv. Events are being uploaded to the Facebook page. Please contact Mindi with any PTA or School sponsored events you would like posted.
 - f. Correspondence Secretary's Report:
 - i. A thank you card was received from Colleen Bonney for a gift card we sent.
 - ii. All the donor receipts for 2019 were either emailed or hard mailed by the end of the year.
 - iii. Thank you notes went out for Monster Mash, PTA reflections and Jog for Joe. Working on Breakfast with Santa.
 - iv. A card was sent for Mrs Housianitis-Johnston for her new baby.
 - v. A card was sent for Mrs Anderson for her mom who has been ill.
 - g. Volunteer Liaison: Julie Maynor provided a verbal report.
 - i. Please remember to log your volunteer hours. Information cards on how to log them electronically were passed out. The website to log hours is: www.vbschools.com/getconnected
 - ii. Volunteer hours are up this year.
 - iii. Reminder to nominate the "Volunteer of the year" Any PTA member parent or teacher can be nominated. Deadline is January 24.
6. Committee Reports
- a. Dine Out for Alanton: Meghan Massie provided a verbal report.
 - i. Panda Express: January 14th, 2020. Giving 50% of proceeds back to AES.
 - b. Reading Month: Heather Thomas provided verbal report.
 - i. A draft of the Reading month calendar was handed out.
 - ii. Theme is "Reading builds a better World" and will be focusing on inclusion, diversity and all the wonderful places families and teachers come from.
 - iii. Heather read the book: "All are welcome"
 - iv. An email will be sent home to parents with a google form to fill in where you or your family is from. Parents are encouraged to create a 60 second presentation that will be played during morning announcement to introduce students to a new country or culture.
 - v. Reading month consists of four weeks; Cultural awareness week, Teacher feature, Buddy Reading week and Class mystery readers.
 - vi. An email from the room moms will be sent out for parents to sign up for the mystery reading week.
 - c. Premiums: Julie Maynor provided a verbal report for Erin Stick
 - i. Reminders to link your VIC card to AES, as well as Amazon Smile.
 - ii. 24 parents have currently linked their HT cards to AES.
 - iii. Boxtops have gone digital, while some are still on the boxes. Please download app and submit your receipt.
 - iv. To date AES have earned \$662 from boxtops, where only \$30 came from digital submission.
 - v. PTA is seeking volunteers to run the Premiums committee next year.
 - d. Bingo Night: Elizabeth Herman provided verbal report.

- i. The committee is working on organizing the February 7th annual Bingo night at AES.
 - ii. Parents are encouraged to donate unused gifts that can be used as prizes. Any donations can be delivered to the front office.
 - iii. A hard copy will be sent home to buy tickets with cash or check, but you can also register online: www.aesbingonight2020.eventbrite.com
 - d. Fifth Grade Bridging: Meghan Massie provided a verbal report.
 - i. A Committee Chair is needed for the 5th Grade Pool party and gift. Please see Mrs. Garran for wishlist and budget.
 - ii. The bridging ceremony is taken care of.
- 7. Unfinished Business-
 - None
- 8. New Business- Meghan Massie provided a verbal report (A change was made on the agenda to only include two points).
 - a. Committee Volunteers needed
 - i. Webmaster for the PTA Website
 - ii. Volunteers and Committee chair for the 5th Grade party
 - b. Nominating Committee needed to nominate candidates for the vacated positions in the New 2020/2021 PTA board.
 - Open positions: Volunteer liaison, Second VP and President
 - New board members will be confirmed in April and sworn in in June at the Spring Musical
- 9. Announcements
 - a. The next PTA Meeting will be held Thursday, March 12. at 7.00 pm AES
 - Babysitting will be offered
 - b. Reminder that Bingo Night is February 7.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:51 AM by Meghan Massie

Submitted by,

Camilla Breault, Recording Secretary

_____Minutes approved as presented _____Minutes approved as amended

Date Minutes approved _____