

Beagle Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2016

In attendance: Amy Ellsworth, Nikki Selleck, Kristy Welch, Stephanie Morgan, Kate Jenkins, Cindy Hoskins, Elizabeth Kunc, Dawn Kennaugh, Lindsay Shafer, Beth Curran, Selena Bliesner, Lori Van Hoesen, Alexandra Briggs, Anokhi Dharia, and Virginia Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

**School Board Candidates:**

Several candidates for the upcoming school board election came to speak with us about their reasons for running.

Bill Fleener: Mr. Fleener is an attorney, who works and teaches at Cooley Law School. He was motivated to run for school board by a desire for new leadership on the board focused on the needs of students. Learn more on Facebook at [william fleener for school board grand ledge](#).

Patrick McKennon: Mr. McKennon is a GL graduate. He teaches 7th grade in East Lansing and his wife teaches 3rd grade at Wacousta. He has also been a youth sports coach here in Grand Ledge. His goal for the school board is to help create better communication between the board and the community. Learn more on Facebook at [patrickmckennon4glboard](#).

Denise Dufort: Ms. Dufort has lived in GL for 35 years. She began her work in the schools as a volunteer and PTO member. She worked as a teacher assistant and school librarian in Grand Ledge before getting her teaching certificate and Masters in Reading. She then worked as a reading specialist. She retired two years ago. She has a passion for schools and education and is eager for the opportunity to give back to the community. She believes it is time for change on the board and better communication. Learn more on Facebook at [Denise Dufort Candidate of Grand Ledge School Board](#).

Joshua Lyman: Mr. Lyman has lived in GL for a year and a half. His family moved here looking for an excellent school district for their 2 year old and 9 month old. The issues happening between the school board and the teachers last year concerned him. He is running to be part of a change and with the desire to keep great teachers in Grand Ledge. He works in the business office of the State House of Representatives. Learn more on Facebook at [joshua lyman candidate for grand ledge school board](#).

Approval of the Agenda.

Lindsay Shafer moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Nikki Selleck. The agenda was approved.

### Approval of the Minutes from our last meeting.

Dawn Kennaugh moved to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting, seconded by Lindsay Shafer. The Minutes were approved.

### Principal Report-Dawn Kennaugh.

--The State of Michigan has decided that it will require an early assessment in both math and reading for 1st and 2nd graders. The DIBELS did not fulfill that, so those grades are currently doing NWEA testing. They are able to do this on the iPads, which is a more familiar platform than the computers for these grades.

--Friday October 28th is a half day for students. We will be having our Halloween parade at 10:30 followed by parties. It was decided to do this on the half day Friday to preserve as much learning time as possible.

--Family Literacy Night will be November 10th. There will be free pizza and pop from 5:30-6:00. The literacy event will run from 6-8 with Keynote speaker, author Carol Trembath at 7pm.

### President Report-Kristy Welch

--Fundraiser forms were due today. Our goal was \$18,000. As of meeting time, we have collected \$11,685, plus whatever online orders there were, and any additional forms that come in. So far, less than 200 forms have been turned in.

### Vice President Report-Nikki Selleck

--Box Tops: Cindy Hoskins - about 2,600 labels have been turned in so far in our first contest.

--Donation Letter idea: the letter will go out in the next week or two letting families know that we are always accepting donations to the PTO, not just during fundraisers. Checks can be made at any time to Beagle PTO.

### Secretary Report-Amy Ellsworth

--Since our last meeting, the executive board has held three separate email votes regarding allocating money for time sensitive issues that could not wait for the next meeting.

1)Executive Board voted to approve a \$50 donation to the Wacousta Dream Depot Playground Project.

2)Executive Board voted to approve a \$150 teacher allowance for Alisha Sheets, the ASD teacher. This is a new position to Beagle, and was overlooked during the original budgeting process.

3)Executive Board voted to approve \$7.25 from the activity support: student financial aid fund for a student in Mrs. Mulhenkemp's class. The money is for a class shirt and field trip fee.

--The Audit Committee met since our last meeting to review the financials from last year. The Committee was comprised of Lindsay Shafer, Chelsea VanWagner, and Kate Jenkins.

They reviewed and spot checked the financials with Beth Curran and Kristy Welch and declare the books to be correct. Lindsay Shafer moved to approve the Financial Audit of the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Nikki Selleck. It was approved.

### Treasurer Report-Beth Curran

--We received a check from Meijer Community Rewards in the amount of \$747.21. This was unexpected money. That program has ended, so this was likely the last we will receive.  
--State and Federal taxes for our organization have been filed.

### Public Relations Report-Kari Oberdank (absent)

--No report.

### Activities Coordinator Report-Lindsay Shafer

--A&W Spaghetti Dinner was today. Many families enjoyed their dinner there.  
--Teacher Luncheon will be Oct. 27th. Kate Jenkins is the chair. Donation signup has begun, but will be shared on the facebook page.  
--Spirit Wear will be in November and again in the Spring. Katie Price is chairing, and Amy Hirschman has offered to walk her through it.  
--Movie Day will be in January. Chelsea VanWagner is the chair.  
--Still need a chair for 6th grade Recognition, Goodie Trays, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

### Old Business

--No old business.

### New Business

--There are job openings at Beagle and other buildings in the district for TAs and paraprofessionals. Visit <http://glcomets.net/ourdistrict/employment/>

### Announcements

--Next meeting is November 14, 2016 at 6:30

### Adjournment

--The meeting was adjourned at 7:16.