

# HOPE SCHOOL PTO

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Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Association

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Hope PTO Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2017  
Minutes taken by: Barb Bureau

Meeting began 3:50pm, Wednesday, November 8th, 2017

In Attendance: Diane Olthius, Patti Truesdell, Barbra Bureau, Sara Fortin, Tahenta Stroh, Kristy Peterson, Jason Skaarren, River Skaarren, Eva Pate

**Student Report:** River reported “good”. Kids are coding. Mrs. T and Taheta elaborated. Discussion about “Foundations”, 45 minute electives such as coding, keyboarding, study hall. Discussion about purchasing more equipment, like headphones, scooters, pickle ball, etc. Mrs. T said she and River and Liam will speak to Mr. Hayman about this. River mentioned field trips and fundraising (for more field trips). Juneau is one idea, probably not until next year as funds are low after Kasitsna Bay trip. Possibly Challenger Center in Kenai this spring (with grant money).

**Treasurer’s Report:** See attached. Discussion ensued. Parents should pre-pay for ski lessons this year to be sure money is collected for each student. Fundraising ideas discussed; Xmas bazaar ideas, summer fundraising ideas (to tap summer tourist traffic)

**Teacher’s Report:**

Pie Auction is Nov 22. Mrs. T and Taheta heading it up. Jason and Mrs. T will be going to town next week to watch LBJ movie with Middle and HS kids. This Friday will be a Veterans day program 11-1 with lunch. Parent/Teacher Conferences done mostly. Breakfasts on Weds going well.

**Miscellaneous:** Discussion about getting word out to community about upcoming events and happenings, other than on FB. Need more flyers around town. Turnagain Times Hope page not including school news for some strange reason. Idea of starting up newsletter was suggested. Barb offered to try to write a one page “newsletter” first of each month and leave a pile in post office, store, etc.

Swimming lessons – Sara reported she will set up lessons in Seward for littles and middles sometime between Jan 8-Feb20. Decided to schedule 4 lessons (once a week) in this timeframe.

Eugene will be graduating (Masters in Education) soon – woot woot!

Meeting adjourned 4:38