

December PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2nd, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by Tammie Ciszewski. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Julie Sobush and second by Deb Dempsey. Vote was unanimous.

Principal's Message:

- The WKCE testing is done. Thank you to the PTO for the snacks during testing.
- The Gaga ball pit is a huge success – the kids are enjoying it.
- Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and it is only 14 school days until winter break.

President's Message:

- A list of various committees at PC went out in the Friday folder so that parents can have a better understanding of what is involved if they would want to chair or co-chair a committee. There is also a contact name for each committee if anyone is looking for more information.

Committee Reports:

- **Market Day**
 - The lifestyle orders will be delivered on December 5th.
- **6th Grade Committee**
 - T-shirt designs are being worked on.
- **Creek Crawl**
 - No report
- **Skate Night**
 - Skate Night went well. There were between 80-90 students that participated
 - The next skate night will be in spring.
- **Box Tops**
 - The competition is over and Ms. Nowak's class won with Ms. Driscoll's class in second place.
 - We collected approximately 29,500 box tops which is \$2950 for PC.
- **Campbell's Soup Labels (no report)**
- **Tyson Project A+ (no report)**
- **Coke Rewards**
 - There are double points on 12 packs until November 8th.
- **Kindergarten Orientation**
 - Melissa Caravella will chair this committee.
- **Dr. Seuss Night**
 - Meetings on continuing to plan this activity
- **Basket Raffle**
 - The planning will begin after the winter break
- **Spaghetti Dinner**
 - We are possibly looking at another restaurant to cater this event. Ellie Ewens has contacted Olive Garden and will be contacting Magiannos to see if they cater.
 - We will be in contact with Brady Reinke to pick a date for the event.

- **Assemblies**
 - The kids enjoyed the animal assembly they had the last month.
- **Carnival (no update)**
- **Spring Play (no update)**
- **Spirit Wear**
 - Orders will be delivered before winter break.
- **Memory Book (no report)**
- **Teacher Appreciation**
 - Denette Martin will be chairing this committee.
- **Entertainment Books (no report)**
- **Cousin Subs Fundraiser (no report)**
- **Book Fair**
 - We had \$6200 in sales. This gave Poplar Creek \$3100 in books back to the classrooms which was 427 books.

Old Business

- **Rummage Sale**
 - We will need a chair if this is something we want to do.
 - Need to contact other New Berlin schools if they are interested.
- **Teacher Dinners**
 - Next year we will look into providing dinner for teachers during conferences

New Business

- **Financials**
 - Brady Reinke had prepared a list of ideas of projects that would need PTO funding. These included:
 - Hallway signage
 - Display case for front hallway
 - Adaptors for SMART boards to get rid of T.V.
 - Holly Lobel made motion to approve \$1000 for adaptors. Second by Jackie Vensel. Motion passes.
 - 6th grade hallway
 - This maybe the 6th grade gift to Poplar Creek
 - New Shelving for art room
 - Frisbee golf course
 - There was concern about the safety of students while playing Frisbee golf and the ease of losing the discs.
 - Looking into other ideas for new playground equipment.
 - Flat Screen TV for office
 - Outdoor Classroom Space
 - Anna Mack discussed the idea of having a library of books on tape. There would be a lot of benefit for the students to also be able to listen to books and not just read them.
 - Anchor paper for the easels is needed. Holly Lobel made motion to approve \$1000 for anchor paper. Second by Jackie Vensel. Motion passes.

- An artist in residence that could work with the students to make a mural in the cafeteria would be beneficial to Poplar Creek.

Open Discussion:

- Looking for donations of winter supplies for students in need. Tammie Ciszewski will put a note in the Friday folder and then will bring in tubs to collect the donations in.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Holly Lobel made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:15 seconded by Deb Dempsey, passed unanimously.

