

December PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, December 1st, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Tammie Ciszewski. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Tracie Maxie and second by Joe Dietrich.

Principal's Message:

- Thank you to everyone who helped with Book Fair.
- There were 2 anti-bullying presentations last month which were a success. We are working on integrating concepts from the presentations into the classrooms.
- Cogat testing has started for 3rd and 6th grades. These assessments test cognitive ability.
- There will be Bagels with Brady on Friday December 5th. It will focus on our math program at PC and Karen Reiss, our math specialist, will be at the meeting as well.
- There is a Band, Orchestra, and Choir concert on December 11th at 6:00.
- Winter Break starts on Thursday December 24th. There is school on December 22nd and 23rd.

President's Message:

- Thank you again to Jen Wesolowski and Ellisa Lettner for all of the work with the Book Fair. We do have two co-chairs for next year who will continue to shadow this year.

Committee Reports:

- **Market Day**
 - Pick-up is Thursday December 4th from 4:30-5:30
- **6th Grade Committee**
 - SCRIPS fundraising went very well. We sold ~ \$10,000 worth of gift cards which was ~\$700 in profit for 6th grade.
 - Bake sale also went well.
- **Creek Crawl (no report)**
- **Skate Night (no report)**
- **Box Tops**
 - The competition has ended with PC collecting 19,399 box tops. This is down ~10,000 box tops from last year.
 - Mr. Feiker and Ms. Apollos classes were the winners from the competitions.
- **Campbell's Soup Labels (no report)**
- **Tyson Project A+ (no report)**
- **Coke Rewards (no report)**
- **Kindergarten Orientation (no report)**
- **Dr. Seuss Night**
 - The format of Dr. Seuss night will be different this year. It will be only for K-3 students. Student council will be assisting in running the activities which will probably be a movie, a reader, cookie decorations, and one or two art and craft activities.
 - Tentative date is February 27th from 5-8.
- **Basket Raffle**
 - The themes have been picked and a list will be in the Friday folder this week for parents to know what the theme for their classroom is.

- There will be a meeting in January for the classroom coordinators.
- The date for Basket Raffle/Spaghetti Dinner is March 13th.
- **Spaghetti Dinner (no report)**
- **Assemblies**
 - Lee Bernfeld is working on assemblies that will coordinate with our Celebrating our Difference Month in March. He was looking at 4 different assemblies.
 - Disabilities
 - Bringing in the wheelchair basketball team. This will cost \$350 + travel costs. They will be a Ronald Regan school also and we will be sharing the cost with them.
 - Bullying
 - Lee Burnfeld and Mary Jane Whittney (who presented the anti-bullying presentations at Eisenhower and West) will be giving a presentation on bullying with the help from students from Eisenhower and West. The cost of this assembly is \$100.
 - Handicaps
 - Bringing in two advocates from the Down Syndrown Association to talk. Cost for this is \$400.
 - Cultural
 - Looking at an assembly that celebrates cultural differences. Katie Ressenmen to look at an assembly for this.
 - Lee Bernfeld asked for \$1000 to pay for these assemblies. Motion to approve made by Tracy Jansen and second by Megan Nowak. Vote was unanimous.
- **Carnival (no report)**
- **Spring Play (no report)**
- **Spirit Wear**
 - Orders have been submitted and they will be delivered prior to winter break.
- **Memory Book (no report)**
- **Teacher Appreciation**
 - The date for Teacher Appreciation week is May 4th-8th
- **Save Around Books**
 - We sold 40 books which is \$400 in profit for PC.
- **Restaurant Fundraisers**
 - The Cousins fundraiser from November raised \$91.50. Last year we raised ~\$170.
 - The next fund raiser is Wednesday December 3rd at Culvers from 5-8. Brady Reinke will be there to greet students.
 - Other fundraisers are Panera in Brookfield on Wednesday January 14th from 4-8. A flyer is needed for this fundraiser and we need at least 20 participates to get any money back from the sale. All day Friday February 6th will be Quaker Stake and Lube and Tuesday April 21st from 5-9 will be Qdoba. We are looking at Papa Murphys in March and Cousins in May.
- **Book Fair**
 - Sales were down this year.
- **Chinooks Baseball Game (no report)**

Old Business

- **Playground Equipment**
 - Katie O’Sullivan will ask the gym teachers what ideas they have for new playground equipment along with asking Lee Bernfeld.

New Business

Open Discussion:

- **Indoor Recess Items**
 - The classrooms indoor recess items are becoming worn and teachers would like to get new items for the classroom for indoor recess. Some ideas are games, puzzles, arts & crafts, educational or exercise videos. Lee Bernfeld asked for \$100 for each classroom to purchase new items for classrooms. A discussion was had and it was decided to ask parents to donate items to classrooms for indoor recess instead of purchasing a gift for their teachers during the holidays. The PTO will put together a letter to parents with the teachers making a list of specific items they need for the class rooms.
- **Parent Communication**
 - A large part of the activities going on at Poplar Creek is communicated through the Friday Folder via the PC website. In years past we were able to send home paper copies of important items and it is felt that when paper copies were sent home parents were more informed. The district has changed some policies and is trying to reduce the amount of copies that are made. A discussion was had to determine how to get more information out to parents. The ideas that were discussed were group texts to parents with important information, cub scouts making posters to hang up around school to get more information to students about activities taking place at PC, the PC PTO purchasing their own copier or using a copy place to make paper copies and this coming out of the PTO budget, using the digital sign in front of school to communicate activities. This will be discussed more at the next PTO meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Tracy Maxie made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:12 seconded by Jenny Mallinger.

