

## February PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, February 2nd, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Tammie Ciszewski. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Cindy Bielinski and second by Anna Egofske.

### Principal's Message:

- There is a new art display cabinet in the office which is displaying the ceramic pieces made in Art class. This is a great addition to the office. We are looking at possibly getting digital photo frames to be able to display photos also in the art cabinet. There is also Art displays in other areas throughout the school. A big thank you to Ms. Berg for putting the art work on display.
- MAP testing is finished. Data meetings with grade levels were held to look at performance on the MAP testing. Looking at the data helps to determine if students are being challenged or if they need help in areas.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is trying departmentalizing. This is a pilot program where the students have a "homeroom" to begin the day but then move to other class rooms for different subjects. We are looking at trying to help our students when they have to transition to middle and high school. Depending on input from students and parents at the end of the year we will look at doing this again with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year.
- You will be hearing about the Badger Exam. This is the replacement test for the WKCE tests. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will be taking this in April/May timeframe. This is a computer based adaptive test similar to the MAP testing that students are used to taking.
- The Safe & Orderly Committee will be having an assembly on February 19<sup>th</sup> to hand out awards. Students in 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> can nominate themselves or nominate someone else for an award. The leader of the pack award will still be nominated by teachers for all grades. There will be an ice cream party for students who win awards. Teachers will nominate students in grades K-3.

### President's Message:

- No message.

### Committee Reports:

- **Market Day**
  - There will no longer be a Market Day rep for Poplar Creek. We will continue with Market Day but starting with the March orders it will be online credit card payments only. If we have under \$500 in sales then all orders will be canceled and our Poplar Creek rep will be responsible to notify all customers of the order cancelation. Hard copy orders will not be accepted anymore – all orders will have to be online.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee (No report)**
- **Creek Crawl (No report)**
- **Skate Night (No report)**
- **Box Tops**
  - Will be having a spring competition with prizes. .
  - Having a difficult time to get anyone to donate prizes. Will possibly have to purchase gift cards as prizes out of money box tops generates.
- **Campbell's Soup Labels (no report)**

- **Tyson Project A+ (no report)**
- **Coke Rewards (no report)**
- **Kindergarten Orientation (no report)**
- **Dr. Seuss Night**
  - The date for Dr. Seuss Night will be Friday February 27th for K-3.
  - The tentative layout of the night will be a guest reader, a movie and picnic (families bring their own picnic), cookie decorating, hat making, and photos with Dr. Seuss.
  - The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade student council members will be helping with the event.
- **Basket Raffle**
  - Meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup> for coordinators.
  - The bins will be in the classrooms on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> to begin collecting donations. There will be all school communication coming home in the Friday folder on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - The date for Basket Raffle/Spaghetti Dinner is March 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tickets have been ordered and will stay the same at \$1.00 per ticket.
- **Spaghetti Dinner**
  - Matty's will be doing the catering again. They will be charging \$7.25/plate which includes noodles, sauce, breadsticks, salad, and Matty's staff setting up and cleaning up.
  - We will charge \$8.00 for advance orders and \$10.00 at the door.
  - Last year we had 300 dinners served and will plan on that again.
- **Assemblies**
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM will be the Wheelchair Basketball assembly.
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> will be an everybody matters assembly. There will be two assemblies, one for K-3 and one for 4-6.
- **Carnival**
  - There was a brain storming session to look at how things can be done different this year and still keep the fun for the students.
- **Spring Play**
  - We don't have a person to lead the spring play this year. Poplar Creek most likely won't have a spring play this year.
- **Spirit Wear**
  - Trying to get our original art work from Chappel but not having any luck with getting information from them. Asking Brady Reinke to call and ask.
- **Memory Book**
  - There were only 3 submissions for yearbook cover contest. Berlyn Richarz from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade won the cover contest.
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - It will be the same basic format as past years but with a few surprises for the teachers. There is a meeting with Brady Reinke on Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> to go over the ideas.
- **Save Around Books (no report)**
- **Restaurant Fundraisers**
  - The Panera fundraiser from December raised \$167.26.
  - The next fund raiser is Friday February 6th at Quaker Steak and Lube from 12-8. A flyer is needed for this fundraiser.
  - This year we have raised \$722.39 in restaurant fundraisers.

- **Book Fair**
  - Working on dates in April/May. This is the buy one get one free sale.
- **Chinooks Baseball Game (no report)**

#### **Old Business**

- **Playground Equipment (no report)**

#### **New Business**

- Lee Bernfeld is asking for \$200 for a peer mediation program for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Peer Mediators from Waukesha will come in and train 12 students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to become peer mediators. This program will allow these students to help with issues that arise with younger students. Motion to approve \$200 made by Deb Dempsey and second by Jenni Mallinger. Vote was unanimous.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- A discussion was had about fundraisers. Do we have too many fundraisers? Are we asking too much from families. The general feeling at the meeting was that we do not and all of the fundraisers that we do are voluntary.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

- Jenni Mallinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:19 seconded by Tracey Maxey.

