

November PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6th, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Tammie Ciszewski. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Tracie Maxie and second by Jenny Mallinger.

Principal's Message:

- There is a Bully presentation at New Berlin West on Thursday November 6th and another one at New Berlin Eisenhower on Thursday November 20th. Emails have gone out with information on the programs.
- WKCE testing has started. The only testing will be in science and social studies. Later in the year there will be a smart balanced assessment for testing in language arts. Standards for testing have changed at the state level which is why there are different assessments.
- PALS testing has started for K-2. The teachers receive the results right away and then students will take these tests again at the end of the year.
- School improvement teams are going well
- The first Bagels with Brady was last week. The next Bagels with Brady will focus on our math program.

President's Message:

- We are looking for a co-chair for the book fair committee for next year.

Committee Reports:

- **Market Day**
 - Pick-up is Thursday November 6th from 4:30-5:30
- **6th Grade Committee**
 - 6th grade is looking at doing the SCRIPS program for a fundraiser. This fundraiser allows people to purchase gift cards with a percentage of sales going to 6th grade. They are looking at getting this out before Christmas so if anyone needs to purchase gifts cards they can purchase them through 6th grade.
 - Bake sale will be held during book fair.
 - Boston Store Books are for sale - \$5 per book with a \$10 coupon and other percentage off coupons in the book.
- **Creek Crawl (no report)**
- **Skate Night**
 - Will be Tuesday November 4th from 6-8 at Waukesha SkateLand.
- **Box Tops**
 - Competition is going on now. It ends on November 20th.
 - Any student that sends in Box Tops will receive a form for a free Milwaukee Wave ticket.
- **Campbell's Soup Labels (no report)**
- **Tyson Project A+ (no report)**
- **Coke Rewards (no report)**
- **Kindergarten Orientation**
 - The date for Kindergarten registration may be moved up. More information to come.
- **Dr. Seuss Night**

- Lee Bernfeld has volunteered to chair this committee but the format of the night will change.
- Looking at February 27th as a possible date
- **Basket Raffle**
 - Themes will be picked prior to Christmas so that families have the opportunities to purchase items for basket raffle earlier than in the past.
 - The themes will be posted in the lunch room and the teachers can pick which theme they want for their classrooms.
 - The date for Basket Raffle/Spaghetti Dinner is March 13th.
- **Spaghetti Dinner (no report)**
- **Assemblies (no report)**
- **Carnival (no report)**
- **Spring Play (no report)**
- **Spirit Wear**
 - Orders are due November 7th.
 - Samples of some of the items are in the hallway by the office.
 - There is also a book for teachers to order spirit wear.
- **Memory Book**
 - There will be contest after Christmas to design the front cover.
 - Group pictures (Boy Scouts, Choir, etc.) will be done in February.
- **Teacher Appreciation (no report)**
- **Save Around Books**
 - We are not selling Entertainment Books this year instead we will be selling Save Around Books.
 - These books will be \$20 and have local and national coupons. Poplar Creek will receive \$10 from each book that is sold.
 - We have sold 22 books so far. We will be selling again at a table during conferences on November 6th.
 - Forms will also be coming home for anyone who wants to purchase a book.
- **Restaurant Fundraisers (formally Cousin Sub Fundraiser)**
 - The Cherry Berry fundraiser from November raised \$34.15.
 - The next fund raiser is Thursday November 6th at Cousins. A flyer is needed to get the funds for Poplar Creek. The flyer is in the Friday folder.
 - Other fundraisers that have been confirmed for this school year are Culvers – December 3rd from 5-8. Brady Reinke will be there to greet customers during this time. Trying to get Panera in January, Quaker Stake and Lube in February, Qdoba in April, and Cousins in May.
- **Book Fair**
 - November 17th-21st is the Fall book fair.
- **Chinooks Baseball Game (no report)**

Old Business

New Business

- **Accompanist**
 - Brady Reinke asked for \$200 to pay for accompanist for two choir concerts. Motion to approve made by Tracie Maxie and second by Jenny Mallinger. Vote was unanimous.

Open Discussion:

- **Field Trips**
 - Brady Reinke is discussing ways to lower the amount of money parents spend on field trips for the 2015-2016 school year. One idea is for the PTO to pay for the bus transportation for one field trip for each grade level. This will be discussed more in the spring when looking at the budgets for 2015-2016.
- **Playground Equipment**
 - Looking for other ideas for playground equipment for students to use during recess. Lee Bernfeld will be looking into other ideas and present to PTO.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Brady Reinke made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 seconded by Lee Bernfeld.

