

PTO Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Jill Priestley, Shaun Harrison, Lindsey Wolfe, Anthony Lauer, Jenn Carlson, Simone McDaniel, Carol Shakarian, JoAnn Parkus, Teresa Maldonado, Tina Gould, Tatum Theodore, Amy Pufahl, Kerri Mose, Deanna Kempke, Shannon Lauer, Jen Duman, Lidia Kraft

Introductions

Teacher Presentation – Shannon Lauer, 2nd grade

Ms. Lauer shared with us how she and Ms. Gengler use writing strategies and make writing exciting for the students' small moment stories. They have seen great improvement in the students' writing performance since October.

Movie Night – Kerri Mose

- Movie night to be this Friday night at 6:00 p.m.
- Still need volunteers to help with tickets, popcorn and concessions

Winter Dance – Tatum Theodore and Lindsey Wolfe

- Winter Dance will be January 31st, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- "Under the Sea" is theme
- Marj will do pictures
- Marco's Pizza
- Still need volunteers

Principal's Report – Carol Shakarian

- Listen and Learn Tour results to be presented in January and February
- MEAP scores not in yet
- NAAPID is Feb. 10th. Tina Gould will help.
- Pittsfield still considered a Focus school

President and PTOC Report – Simone McDaniel

- Samina's mother-in-law passed away. Passing a card around
- Need a PTOC representative for next year. Gives our school a voice at district level. PTOC talks about district and state level issues.
- March is Reading Month: Tina Gould will help. Allison McCrystal has already arranged for Barnes and Nobles Book Fair (Feb. 28-March 1) but needs organizer. Robin Mendenhall will hang art work.
- Need new Hospitality Chair. Martha Reck is moving. In the meantime, Jenn Carlson said she will do Kindergarten Round-Up (Feb. 13th). Next Hospitality Chair event is Teacher Appreciation Week which is the week of May 5th.
- Girls On The Run (Jenn Carlson) – For 3rd-5th grade girls, starts March 9th, race on May 18th
 - Teaches confidence, friendship, nutrition and exercise

Approval of Consent Agenda. Shaun Harrison moves to approve. Deanna Kempke seconds. Motion passes. Lidia Kraft abstains.

Fundraising – Shaun Harrison

- Catalog sale made a \$2,000 profit
- Little Caesar's kits will be in Jan. 29th.

Treasurer's Report – Anthony Lauer

- 40% of grant money spent
- Pittsfield holiday photos made \$240
- Need to spend surplus. Bring \$10,000 ideas!
- Guided reading books still need to be purchased

Assemblies – Deanna Kempke

- Dr. Bena Hartman (MI author) can do two assemblies, \$350 each
 - Book about self-confidence for grades K-2
 - Book about encouraging reluctant readers for grades 3-5
- Performance Network assembly is free
 - Wolverine Will – a 45 min. musical about MI history
- La'Ron Williams – storyteller, \$500
- Other possibilities: Creature Conservancy, Hands on Museum, Great Lakes Zoo. Society

ICS Silent Auction and Raffle

- Amy Pufahl and Jenn Carlson to co-chair
- January is good month to get donations from businesses

Teacher Requests

- Shannon Lauer is asking for \$422 for books. Deanna Kempke moves to approve. Tina Gould seconds. Motion passes.
- Barb Killewald and Cathy Babcock are asking for approximately \$500 (transportation is \$102.50 and tickets are \$385) for Brazilian Dance performance on Feb. 14th. Jenn Carlson moves to approve. Amy Pufahl seconds. Motion passes.

Open Discussion

- Lidia Kraft is organizing the Disability Workshop. She will get possible dates from Karen to try to schedule.
- Many compliments to Jen Duman for organizing restaurant nights for the entire year!

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.