

PTO Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Jill Priestley, Shaun Harrison, Lindsey Wolfe, Anthony Lauer, Jenn Carlson, Simone McDaniel, Carol Shakarian, Teresa Maldonado, Amy Pufahl, Kerri Mose, Deanna Kempke, Anthony Stewart, Carol Larsen, Cory Merante, Samina Barritt, Anne Wizauer, Candace Cackowski, Marquita Casey-Oden, Beth Morgan, Tina Gould

Introductions

A.J. Stewart, 5th grade – talked to the PTO about Community Builders

Amy Pufahl passed around a list of businesses for possible Ice Cream Social donations. Asked people to sign up to talk to those businesses they frequented.

Teacher Presentation and Request – Cory Merante, 4th grade

Mr. Merante presented to us the benefits of having his students use Kindles for reading. He currently has 11 student-available Kindles. He is asking the PTO for funds to purchase 14 more Kindles so every student can use one. Amy Pufahl moves to give Mr. Merante \$800 to purchase more Kindles. Samina Barritt seconds. Motion passes.

Principal's Report – Carol Shakarian

Thanks to everyone for coming to NAAPID. Thanks to Tina Gould for organizing! The parent lounge was very nice and utilized.

President and PTOC Report – Simone McDaniel

- Winter Dance was great! Thank you Tatum and Lindsey!
- PTOC: need a representative for next year. It brings parent advocacy to the district level. Lindsey may be interested.
- Hospitality Chair still needed.
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair is the week of April 21st. Need help with set-up, running it and tear down. Deanna Kempke said she would organize getting the volunteers and running it. Others will step up to run it under Deanna's supervision.
- March is Reading Month
 - Allison McCrystal has organized the Barnes and Noble Bookfair (2/28-3/2)
 - Deanna Kempke has organized Dr. Bena Hartman to come do two assemblies on March 3rd.
 - Reading Initiative – receive a star for every 20 minutes spent reading. The stars will be strung in hallway. Simone, Jill and Tina to help make and string stars. Beth to help assemble.

Approval of Consent Agenda. Lindsey Wolfe moves to approve. Anne Wizauer seconds. Motion passes.

Fundraising – Shaun Harrison and Samina Barritt

- Sold over 150 pizza kits

PTO Thrift – Anne Wizauer

- Received a check for \$2,240 from PTO Thrift Store

Ice Cream Social – Jill Priestley

- Thanks to all who have stepped up to help chair the event
- Still need a Publicity Chair. Will put the word out in Monday morning message and newsletter
- Balloon artist (\$65/hr) will be at event this year

Treasurer's Report – Anthony Lauer

- Surplus between \$4,800 and \$9,800
- 54% of grant money spent

Surplus Spending Suggestions

- Kindles for all 2nd-5th grades ~\$10,000
- Mobile Cooking Table with Range and Mirror \$1,800
- Staff Suggestions
 - Book room revamp
 - New band instruments
 - New headphones in media center
 - Biography collection of books for library
 - New TV
 - New microwave and Keurig coffee maker
- Carol Larson - \$800 would impact K-5 in music room
 - Will compile a list with items prioritized
 - Jenn Carlson moved to buy a CD player for the music room, Anne Wizauer seconds, motion passes
- Pittsfield Penguins pens or water bottles (\$500) for each kid at Field Day
- Big Splash at Field Day

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.