

PTO Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2013

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

Present: Jenn Carlson, Carol Shakarian, Tina Gould, Jill Priestley, JoAnn Parkus, Samina Barritt, Teresa Maldonado, Amy Pufahl, Kari Tant, Shaun Harrison, Anthony Stewart, AJ Stewart, Cathy Babcock, Marj Lamoreaux, Bob and Kayla Talampas, Simone McDaniel, Dawn Cobb, Beth Loomis

General Meeting:

Welcome from President and Introductions of all attendees.

Teacher Report – Ms. Gengler and the Community Builders – AJ Stewart and Kayla Talampas

- The Community Builders Program builds leadership skills among our students. AJ and Kayla went on a bus to Pioneer with other elementary students. They talked about what a community builder is, and how to keep our schools safe.
- There was also a mixer event at Huron on how to keep peace in school.
- There is a third meeting in May at Skyline about problem solving.
- They bring info back to our student councils and get to meet kids from other schools.
- Next year, AJ will continue on as our 5th grade representative, while a new 4th grade representative will be selected.
- Carol thanked AJ and Kayla for taking this on and doing such a good job representing out school.

Principal Report – Carol Shakarian

- Nothing has happened regarding budget cuts
- The AAPS has a presentation on the cost estimates of potential budget reductions. We are being strangled to death by the State of Michigan. Budget reduction presentation is on AAPS website.
- The principals also made some recommendations for budget reductions including selling Angell to UofM, selling Roberto Clemente, cut 7th hour in high school, reduce central office staff

President /PTOC Report – Simone McDaniel

- It is important that we communicate the budget problems which are occurring all around the state.
- Upcoming BOE budget forums: 4/16 at the downtown library and 4/20 at Scarlett
- The district will also be holding 3 budget meetings in May – date TBA.

Restaurant Nights - Jen Duman

April 25th – Jersey Mike's Restaurant night – the same night at science fair

We raised \$101 from the March Qdoba Restaurant Night

The Performance Network will be bringing the musical "Ella Mentry" to school on April 30th.

Simone moves to accept the March minutes. Motion passes with corrections as noted.

May 6 – 10 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Suzy Tibbetts is chairing this great event. Look for email requests for help in the near future.

Currently there is a bottle drive going on sponsored by the UofM students who work in our school.

Samina made a request for replacement ID holders for the hot lunch cards. It was requested that she do some research on pocket charts and bring a motion to the next meeting.

Yearbook – Marj Lamoreaux

- Marj would like to form a year book club for next year and is looking for ideas.
- Marj suggested that the yearbook position be called “Yearbook Advisor” to more appropriately reflect the role.

Jenn moves to change “Yearbook Coordinator” to “Yearbook Advisor”. Motion passes.

Cathy Babcock pointed out that the location of the school camera (previously voted on by PTO) is not well known. She wanted to know what the rules were, etc. Marj agrees to follow up with the teachers.

Treasurer’s Report – Jessi Guthrie

- Detail sheet will be available in the treasurer’s mailbox with a few copies at the meeting.
- Review of current finances
 - o March Income is \$1857
 - o March Expenses are \$3077.25
 - o YTD Income \$4,482
 - o Teacher grants are 68% reimbursed
 - o March movie night earned \$294.25
 - o B&N Bookfair earned \$165.49

Amy brought up further enrichment spending in amounts of either \$5,000, \$6,000, or \$7,000.

Cathy Babcock moves to spend \$7,000. Motion passes.

There was discussion on what the money should be spent on. Some suggestions were non-fiction books, classroom book allowance, Think Stretch workbooks, teacher grant line item for more supplies, assemblies, field trips, consumables such as chart paper, pencils and school supplies.

Open discussion:

Samina Barritt informed the group that Lorraine Johnson is unable to coach Girls on the Run next year. Jenn Carlson volunteered to help out.

The Burns Park Run is May 5th. A portion of the registration money goes to Pittsfield.

Shop the PTO Thrift Shop and vote for Pittsfield.

The next PTOC meeting is Monday, April 15th and the topic Testing. Why we do it, what it is, and how much of it is mandated.

The Ice Cream Social needs help with games.

8:01 Amy Pufahl moves to adjourn. Meeting adjourns.

After the meeting the following votes were taken via email:

Approval of \$100 for pizza at the May 20th Math Workshop

Approval of \$150 for garden compost for the Pittsfield Garden

Approval of \$125 for paint for the cupcake walk.