

PTO Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2013

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

Present: Jenn Carlson, Melissa Schmidt, Jessica Sawin, Rose Bonacci, Carol Shakarian, Tina Gould, Jill Priestley, Samina Barritt, Teresa Maldonado, Amy Pufahl, Shaun Harrison, Jessica Guthre, Cathy Babcock, Marj Lamoreaux, Simone McDaniel, Deanna Kempke, Jen Duman, Suzy Tibbetts, Tierra Jackson

General Meeting:

Welcome from President and Introductions of all attendees.

Teacher Report – The Word from Third with Jessica Sawin and Melissa Schmidt

- The coming trend is guided math (math games, computer work) with students and teachers in a 5:1 ratio in small groups.
- Third grade attended MSU farm days which are sponsored by the Pittsfield Grange
- Third graders are expected to do sustained reading for 40-45 minutes. They are usually great by the end of the year.
- Cathy Babcock pointed out that we have a new national park in Monroe that does reenactments.

Principal Report – Carol Shakarian

- The plan for next year is two 3 / 4 splits and one straight 4th grade – the third grade teachers are excited about this opportunity.
- Monday, May 20 is Math Workshop. There will be a K-2 session and a 3-5 session with pizza, lemonade and childcare.
- Teacher appreciation week was wonderful. “Boy were we appreciated” Thank you to Suzy Tibbetts and everyone who helped.
- The word from fifth grade camp from JoAnn and Jenny is “Thanks” for supporting camp.
- Student feedback sheets are due tomorrow
- The current prediction is for 11 full time teachers at Pittsfield.
- Michigan School Accountability Scorecards are coming out replacing No Child Left Behind. It is a color coded system – green is good.
- Thank you to the PTO for “Ella Mentry” from the Performance Network.
- Carol would like to bring an anti bullying play to school next year from the Performance Network.

President /PTOC Report – Simone McDaniel

- The Burns Park Run was a great success. Simone, Tatum and Deanna and their children all participated. Oliver won his age group.
- May 20th is the PTOC election of officers
- There are some issues with the newsletter emailing. It was agreed that we should use school messenger to distribute the newsletters next year.

Science Olympiad – Tierra Jackson

- There were 26 participants in the Olympiad
- The 5th grade was 12th place overall. The following teams placed:
 - o 5th Grade Infinity and Beyond – 5th Place
 - o 5th Grade Map Reading – 4th Place
 - o 5th Grade Disease Detectives – 5th Place
 - o 4th Grade Circuit Wizardry – 9th Place
 - o 2nd Grade Map Reading – 9th Place
 - o 3rd Grade Write it, Build It – 7th Place

- There are participant medals for all grades.

Simone thanked Michelle McCoy for March is Reading Month and Suzy for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Teacher Appreciation Week – Suzy Tibbetts

- Voila Salon and Spa did mini manicures and chair massages for two days.
- She tried to keep it healthier this year
- There was great parent participation in the teacher raffle
- 14 people donated gift cards. Thanks!
- Suzy will not be the hospitality chair next year, but would like to help transition someone else into the position.

Teacher Raffle Winners:

- Karen Stein – gift basket from the Blake Family
- Steve Gutierrez – Zingerman's from the Priestley Family
- Robin Mendenhall, JoAnn Parkus and Shannor Lauer - \$25 Whole Foods from the Riegles
- Jessica Sawin – Planter basket from The Wards
- Jane Winters – Outback Steakhouse gift certificate from the Harrisons
- Melissa Schmidt – Lunch bag/gift bag from the Tibbetts Family
- Jenny Barcelata – Summer gift bag from the Tibbetts Family
- Janet Jones – GFS gift card from the Ferris Family
- Dawn Monroe – Trader Joe's gift card from the Penoyars
- Darcy Knoll, Kim McClean – Starbucks gift card from the Tibbetts family
- Cory Merante – Gift card from the McDaniels

ICS Update – Jill Priestley

- All is going well – we still need some donations of pop and cupcake toppings
- We need a few more volunteers
- Teacher sponsored activities are going well
- If you have any ideas for the raffle, please email Samina or Dawn

Board positions for next year – we need a vice president. Teresa agreed to be the website coordinator and Scott Guthre will be the movie night coordinator. We do not need a 5th grade camp chair, just a liaison. Scott has also offered to help with this. We still need a Thrift Shop Rep.

Deanna Kempke moves to keep Jessi as treasurer for an additional 2 year term. Motion passes.

Restaurant Nights - Jen Duman

Banditos Restaurant night week – the same night at science fair

We raised \$77.19 from Jersey Mike's Restaurant Night

Jen Duman moves to accept the April minutes. Motion passes with corrections as noted.

There is a folder in the workroom for announcements that need to go on the bulletin board. Put any announcements in there for Tina.

Camera is in the office locked up. Ask Jane if you need the camera.

Treasurer's Report – Jessi Guthre

- Detail sheet will be available in the treasurer's mailbox with a few copies at the meeting.
- Review of current finances

- Assets \$30,000
- April Profit \$1776
- Income \$6049
- Expenses \$4274
- Box Tops \$694
- Teacher Grants 77% spent
- Scrip \$1639
- YTD Profits \$6,803
- The 2014 camp deposit is paid. The 2013 balance is unknown at this time.

Deanna Kempke moves to approve \$300 for Cathy Babcock for Everyday Math supplies. Motion Passes.

Carol is going to schedule anti-bullying play for September with her budget.

Samina discussed fundraising options – Market Day has catalogs. Taking control of our own fun run was discussed. Darcy would run the event, but it would need a coordinator.

Deanna Kempke asked Target for paper. Jenn Carlson will ask Meijer and Jessi Guthre will ask Walmart if they will make donations of office supplies.

Everyone agreed that teacher supply suggestion lists should go out in the final report cards. Teachers in each grade will provide lists for their future students.

Jenn Carlson moves to allot the following:

- ~\$1,650 for guided reading books
- ~\$1,650 for classroom library books
- ~\$1,500 for additional assemblies in the 2013-2014 school year
- ~\$2,200 for classroom supplies

Motion passes.

Jean Cochran is retiring after a career that started with her as a student at Pittsfield. A potluck is planned for the final PTO meeting to honor her service. May 30th will be a luncheon at school. Presents were discussed.

Deanna Kempke brought up the success of the book fair and offered to spearhead a fall book fair during the fall fest.

The Fall Fest is penciled in for October 26th.

8:44 Meeting adjourns.