

PTO Meeting minutes – January 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Samina Das Barritt, Deanna Kempke, Amy Pufahl, Rich Priestley, Suzanne Wu, Simone McDaniel, Shaun Harrison, Carol Shakarian, Nicky Geyer, Tina Gould, Tierra Jackson, Pam Stone, Robin Mendenhall, Cory Merante, Karen Sanderson, Beth Loomis, Paula Gardner

General Meeting

4th Grade Teacher Presentation – Cory Merante and Karen Sanderson

- Math Fact Triangles – access in addition/subtraction
 - o 50 fixed equations – 2 minutes timed – secure equals 40 correct
 - 8/22 passed addition, 1/22 passed multiplication, 12/22 passed division
- Fact Family worksheet – cover one number to add or subtract and discover what covered number is

Barnes and Noble Book Fair – Robin Mendenhall

- March Youth Art Month. Each class will create something.
- Gail Townsend, BN contact last year, hung all artwork for fair
- John Gardner, Carol Larsen, parents read books and other activities
- Saturday, March 3, all work hung and Read Across America
- Flyers available

Principal's Report

- Jane Winters – now new Office Professional – 17 years at Pittsfield
- Barb Moore – last day January 6th
- Family Movie Night – sound system problem remedied, no drop offs
- NWEA – January 17-23 2nd round testing
 - o K/1 in library – 2 math, 2 reading 4 x 120 minutes
 - o 2-5 – 2 sections in reading and math – 2 hours
 - o September – May testing – ‘assessment w/goals’
- NAAPID February 13th (2nd Monday traditionally)
 - o Everyone is welcome, historically African-American
 - o Food, assembly
 - o Committee – Jessica Sawin, Melissa Jaegar, student council?
 - o Budget \$300, \$500 – Amy approved, Simone second.
- K Round Up – February 16th – how we can be better attended – District meeting
 - o K teachers will plan day like currently occurs, trying for improvement
- PBIS mandated by law, taking to classes in all areas of school.

President's Report

- PTOC Training – Simone
 - o January 19th – 2 hours - \$30, may have one free based on dues
 - o 3rd Monday every month, Balas Administration building

- National Reading Month (March)
 - Reading activity calendar (recipe, number shirt)
 - Mystery reader, March 8 & 22
- Ice Cream Social chair – Friday June 1st
 - Deanna – games
 - Tierra – popcorn
 - Beth – tickets
 - Samina – raffle
 - Tina – clean up
 - Silent auction –
 - Business donations
 - \$3300 net
- PTO Thrift – Paula Gardner
 - \$1200 payout – show your support, newsletter ad
 - \$500 pending
 - February 26, April 8, May 13 – show support
 - May have gone away from drives

Business Meeting

- Science Olympiad – Tierra Jackson
 - 25 total – art room
 - 3 – 2nd grade – 2 events
 - 6 – 3rd grade – 6 events
 - 7 – 4th grade – 4 events
 - 9 – 5th grade – 5 events
 - Have 7 coaches, need 5 more
 - Meeting January 11th
 - January 17th – first informational meeting – 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Background checks for volunteers/coaches
 - Everyone has paid for t-shirts except 2 students
 - Money/wish list for materials
 - Up to \$300, Deanna approved, Samina second.
- Winter Dance – Nicky Geyer – February 10th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Life's a Beach theme
 - Volleyball, hula hoops, sand art, coconut bowling
 - Pizza, ice cream, popsicles, music
 - Stamp/wristband to make sure no drop offs
 - Possible 5th grade volunteers?
- PTO Tech Committee
 - Rich Priestley, Yitah Wu, Shaun Harrison
 - Powerpoint presentation
 - Role is to process – wise? Compatibility?
 - Electronic devices that benefit educationally
 - Proposal grant

Treasurer's Report

- \$9500 State of Michigan returned
- Reopened TCF
- \$25000 money - \$13000 checking
- \$38000 total
- \$14000 checking maintain
- Deanna approved, Amy second.
- Printing costs higher in December for school directory

Deanna Kempke motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:48 pm, seconded by Amy Pufahl.