Mt. Nittany Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2017

I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:16 by President Rachelle Coffey in the library

II. **President's Remarks**: Rachelle introduced herself and welcomed everyone.

III. **Principal's Remarks**: Principal Mark Feldman welcomed everyone and introduced Tiffany Glab who is now our full time guidance counselor. Tiffany is initiating a Holiday Donation for our MNES families struggling during this holiday season. She would like to provide household items, toys, grocery store gift cards, personal care items, gas cards, etc. through teacher, staff, PTO and MNES family support. Families who would like to contribute can let Tiffany know. She will have the list on an anonymous Google Doc. Donations can be brought to the office. Mr. Feldman reminded everyone that 1 out of every 3 kids who are at our school are from an economically disadvantaged family.

IV. **Presentation**: Gwen Oliver, president of the PSU Vaccinate America Club, gave a talk on the importance of vaccination and also on the myths that have been proved untrue in the country regarding the safety of vaccines. She stated that vaccines do not cause autism and the studies that showed it did have since been discredited. Gwen left her contact info with Mr. Feldman, if anyone has any questions for her.

V. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**: The minutes were presented from the November 9, 2017 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Andrea Snyder. The motion was approved.

VI. **Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report**: Amy Baldwin reported that we made $40.41 at Applebee's. We do not yet know how much we made at the College Buffet. Motion for approval was made by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Andrea Snyder. The motion was approved.

VII. **Letters of Communication**: none

VIII. **Funding Requests**: Tiffany Glab asked for $200 toward her Holiday Donation initiative. The motion for approval was made by Karen Rossman Styers and seconded by Liana Bubb. Motion was approved. Kindergarten and 1st Grade teachers are requesting $1460 to take K and 1st grade to Knuffle Bunny in May. Motion for approval was made by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Gina Frank. Motion was approved. Fourth grade teachers are requesting $907 for Penn's Cave in late May or early June. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Alison Martin. Motion was approved. Karen Rossman Styers noted that 5th grade will be asking at a later day for Scholastic News and the purchase of cards for 24 (a math game). Mr. Feldman noted that local elementary schools compete in 24 and we would like to be a part of it this year.

IX. **Committee Reports**:

A. **5th Grade party** - none

B. **Author Visit** - none

C. **Exploration Fair** - all set to go; Andrea Snyder noted that they need Bake Sale sponsorship in order to raise money during the Exploration Fair

D. **Family Fun Nights -**
   a. Restaurant Nights - January we will have Chipotle (50% profit goes to us); we will plan a Hoagie Sale sometime in April with a limited menu and afterschool pick-up
   b. Movie Nights - January is Despicable Me 3

E. **Fundraising**
   a. Fun Run - none
   b. Marianna Hoagie Sale - will be in Spring
   c. Scholastic Book Fair - none
   d. Box Tops - none
   e. Giant A+ - Gina Frank volunteered to be the new chair

F. **Hospitality** - the Holiday Luncheon will be Thursday December 14th

G. **Spirit Wear** - Marcie Rockey reported that there is some cash and carry available

H. **Yearbook** - The cover contest is done on December 11th. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners will get a free yearbook. The kids will vote after a committee narrows down the entries to 15.

X. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Nominations** - Liana Bubb has volunteered for the co-president position for the remainder of this year and the next year. A motion for approval was made by Rachelle Coffey and seconded by Sarah Dwyer. The motion was passed.
B. **Non-Profit Status** - application is still pending; Rachelle mentioned that we should have a Committee of Solicitors to reach out to local businesses after we have non-profit status.

XI. **New Business:** none

XII. **Announcements**: Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Labosky 12/9/17