Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
December 11, 2014

Minutes

A. Call to Order 6:51PM. Introductions

B. Presidents' Remarks – Tracy Binkley / Alison Martin: Welcome

C. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Latta

MNE holiday sing-a-long will be held on Monday, Dec 22nd 2:00-2:30. This event is for the students, teachers, and staff to attend. It will be a winter wonderland theme – some instruments, sing-a-long, etc.

D. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Susan McWhirter.

November minutes will be approved at the January meeting.

E. Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Holly Kononchuk

Current balance = $9,510.37. Still need to pay approximately $12,000 for anticipated expenses this year. Some of these expenses will be reimbursed, i.e. yearbook. Discussion will occur later in the meeting regarding additional fundraising initiatives. Motion to approve – Rachelle Coffey. Seconded Caren Bloom-Steidle. Unanimously passed.

F. Funding Requests

School nurse – Request for elasticized pants for the kids. Rather than a funding request we will ask through other channels – facebook, etc.

G. Letters of Communication: Being passed around

H. Committee Reports

A. Author Visit (winter) – Mr. Brackbill
Literacy festival, possibly during Dr. Seuss week. Reading and writing activities. Potentially looking at a readathon, instructional coach.

B. Box Tops for Education (ongoing) – Caren Bloom-Steidle
Will give plastic bins to the teachers so that the submissions can count toward the classroom counts.

C. Exploration Fair (winter) – Jamie Cunningham. Packets are being completed to be sent out, including the registration form.

D. Family Fun Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
Mary Mac Donald offered to help cochair. January – we will look to do a movie night. Can Penn Skates be an option? Rachel will look into this.

E. 5th Grade Party (May/June) – Rachelle Coffey, Mrs. Hipp, Lisa Davis. No report.

F. Fundraising (ongoing) – TBD

G. Marianna Hoagie Sale (fall) – Beth Adams. Completed. We will discuss whether to hold a sale in the spring.
H. Restaurant Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey. Pizza Hut – we should get results soon. Scheduling a restaurant night for each month throughout the year.
I. Fun Run (fall)- Mrs. Rossman Styers. Completed.
J. Retail/restaurant discount cards – Tracy Binkley will look into the options.

K. Giant A+ for Education (ongoing) – Kathryn Bainbridge. We received a check from Giant for $450.00 for earnings from 2012.
L. Helping Hands (ongoing) – Tracy Binkley. No report.
M. Hospitality (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
Teacher and staff – were given star cookies.
Holiday luncheon will be held next week. Will send out a school wide request for the sign up genius because there are still some open slots.
N. Ice Cream Social (June)– Jen Banfield & Lisa Davis. No report.
O. Labels for Education (ongoing) – Kirsten Leitzinger. Will put a brochure in the teachers lounge to see if there are items that teachers want in order to use our balance of points.
P. Playground (ongoing) – looking to see if we can do an additional piece of equipment for this year.
Q. Scholastic Book Fair (fall and spring) – Traci Thomas. No report.
R. Spirit wear (ongoing) – Mrs. Hartzler and Mrs. Rockey. There will not be an additional invoice.
S. Yearbook (Ongoing) – Jennifer McCann. Collecting pictures.

I. New Business

* Amend a previous funding request for the teacher stipends – increase by $20.00. Motion approved - Caren Bloom Steidle. Seconded Mrs. Latta. Unanimously passed.

* Caren Bloom-Steidle – Learning enrichment committee for the district. Caren gave a summary. Any input to bring to back to the committee? A survey has been administered because the process is being reviewed.

It was suggested that maybe we could have a speaker at a meeting in order to introduce the LE and ESL programs.

J. Unfinished Business

K. Announcements

* Next Meeting – Jan. 15, 2015 Mrs. Hipp's classroom

Meeting adjourned 7:44PM. Motion to approve - Caren Bloom-Steidle. Seconded - Allen Metheny. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McWhirter. To be approved at January meeting.