Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
February 12, 2015

Minutes

A. Call to Order 6:51PM. Introduction

B. Presidents' Remarks – Tracy Binkley / Alison Martin

Recognition was given to Rachelle Coffey for all of the work that she has put into the PTO. The last family movie night was a lot of fun.

C. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Latta

5 new students have joined our school since early January.

Jump rope for heart will be taking place on Friday, February 13, 2015.

D. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Susan McWhirter

Motion to approve January's meeting minutes. Approved by Rachelle Coffey and seconded by Mr. Brackbill. Unanimously passed.

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

We received monies from Chick Fil A. Outgoing - payment of Frogz. We have a balance of approximately $4800.00. Big expenditures still to pay – 5th grade party, fifth grade field trip, ice cream social, and exploration fair. Expenses that will be reimbursed: yearbooks and fundraiser card.

Motion to approve the budget. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle and seconded by Mary MacDonald. Unanimously passed.

F. Funding Requests

Field trip to Little Buffalo for field study – look to see if it was submitted previously.

G. Letters of Communication

H. Committee Reports

A. Author Visit / Library events (winter) – Mr. Brackbill
Literacy festival will occur during Dr. Seuss week on Monday, March 2nd. There will be three sessions that will include 11 different activities for the kids to attend. There will also be an opening and closing assembly. A readathon will also occur during the week.

B. Box Tops for Education (ongoing) – Caren Bloom-Steidle

February frenzy. Feb 23rd deadline to turn in box tops. Motion to approve up to $50.00 for prizes. Approved by Rachelle Coffey and seconded by Mary MacDonald. Unanimously passed.

C. Exploration Fair (winter) – Jamie Cunningham
63 exhibits have been registered. May use half of the gym for the day session and then spread it out to the whole gym for the evening session. This will eliminate needing volunteers to cover each of the lunch hours.

D. Family Fun Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
25-30 families came for the Feb movie night. March 6th – Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Day. Pajama party. Future movie nights are scheduled on April 10th and May 1st. Penn Skates: March 22nd 4:30 – 6:30.

E. 5th Grade Party (May/June) – Rachelle Coffey, Mrs. Hipp, Lisa Davis
Committee met this past Tuesday. The fifth grade will fundraise (some ideas - sell grilled stickies, host their own sweet frog night), but also would like to determine how much the PTO is willing to provide in order to determine the event budget. They are looking at a list of 3 possible dates (May 29th is an option). Mrs. Latta confirmed that the event couldn't be held during school hours. Discussion occurred regarding whether the event should be held at Tussy or Spring Creek Park, based on feedback from previous years. The committee will make a determination. Discussion was also held regarding how much the PTO has funded in the past. Motion to approve up to $1,500.00 for the fifth grade field trip, anticipated that the fifth grade would raise half of the funds, so that the entire amount may not be needed. Motion – approved by Tonya Labosky and seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Unanimously passed.

F. Fundraising (ongoing) – TBD

G. Marianna Hoagie Sale (fall) – Beth Adams

H. Restaurant Discount Cards – Tracy Binkley
Tracy passed out a poll in order to determine which vendors should be on the card. A presale will occur and then the cards will be distributed. Each card is $10.00

I. Restaurant Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
Feb 19th – Pizza Hut
March 25th - Applebees
April 16th – Five Guys
May 20th: Sweet Frog

J. Fun Run (fall)- Mrs. Rossman-Styers

K. Giant A+ for Education (ongoing) – Kathryn Bainbridge. No report

L. Helping Hands (ongoing) – Tracey Binkley. No report

M. Hospitality (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
Feb: treats in mailboxes, cupcakes in lounge, and
May be something for St Patty's day. Additional activities will take place during teacher appreciation week in May.

N. Ice Cream Social (May/June)– Jen Banfield and Lisa Davis. No report

P. Playground (ongoing) – will look at catalog to see if we can purchase an additional piece with the box top proceeds.
Q. Scholastic Book Fair (fall and spring) – Traci Thomas. Need to determine the dates.
R. Spirit wear (ongoing) – Mrs. Hartzler and Mrs. Rockey. Order has not been placed yet.
S. Yearbook (Ongoing) – Jennifer McCann.
5th grade students have submitted their cover designs. The yearbook committee is choosing the top 5 and then the children will vote on first, second, and third place.

I. New Business

Field Day may be occurring on May 21st.

Mrs. California reported that Mrs. Upcraft will be organizing a gardening committee – if interested individuals can email Mrs. Upcraft for planning and organizing.

J. Unfinished Business

A. Announcements

A. Next Meeting – March 19, 2015 Mrs. Smith's classroom

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM adjourned. Approved by Rachelle Coffey. Seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Unanimously passed.