Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
March 19, 2015

Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Presidents' Remarks – Tracy Binkley / Alison Martin
   2 officer positions need to be filled for 2015/2016: President & Secretary

C. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Latta
   - The Exploration Fair occurred this past month
   - The school board visited MNE.
   - Teachers have been busy with trainings: CPR, first aid, choking, traumatic events, safety core, child abuse
   - There will be a school wide audit this month.
   - School wide bingo will occur the end of March. The students really enjoyed this last year.
   - Parent/teacher conferences will occur on April 2nd
   - MNE applied to be a State Banner School

D. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Susan McWhirter
   Field day – will be in the beginning of June, not the end of May. One spelling correction. Motion to approve the February minutes. Approved by Caren Bloom – Steidle and seconded by Lisa Davis. Unanimously passed.

E. Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Holly Kononchuk
   Time magazines – are being received. We received the Pizza Hut check for $72.00 and $200.00 from Target Red card. Expenditures - $1250 for fundraising cards (will be reimbursed), $850 for ice cream social, $3,000 yearbook (will be reimbursed), up to $1,500 for fifth grade party, and fifth grade field trip. We are at $4,300. Money is still coming in from read-a-thon and Applebees restaurant night. Box tops earnings were allocated to playground. Motion to approve the treasurer's report. Approved by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Unanimously passed.

F. Funding Requests

1- Mrs. Smith – reimbursement for 125 sketchbooks that the fourth and fifth grades use to write and draw in. 100 students and 25 extra. $186.25. $1.49 each and is able to use some other funding to offset the cost. Motion to approve. Approved by Lisa Davis and seconded by Lisa Edwards. Unanimously passed.

2- Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hipp, and Mrs. Dwyer - Arboretum field trip attended by all fourth graders in the district. $150.00 is to cover the cost for busing. $2.42/student. Motion to approve. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle and seconded by Lisa Edwards. Unanimously passed.

3- Mrs. Rossman-Styers, Mrs. Hovis, and Mr. Kamats - Little Buffalo trip $708.10 for busses. All of the fifth grade will be attending. Original approved for $520.00. Motion to approve the increased amount. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle and seconded by Lisa Edwards. Unanimously passed.

G. Letters of Communication

H. Committee Reports

a) Author Visit / Library events (winter) – Mr. Brackbill
$2,088.00 was raised from the read-a-thon. 20,000 minutes of reading occurred. 30 families came to Thursday evening event. $50.00 was raised from the coin drive. Motion to approve the $50.00 raised from the coin drive to be donated the Schlow library. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle and seconded by Tracy. Unanimously passed.

b) Box Tops for Education (ongoing) – Caren Bloom-Steidle
$1,190.60 was raised from the February Frenzy – there will be another collection by the end of the year. 4th grade won the frenzy with most returned box tops.

c) Exploration Fair (winter) – Jamie Cunningham
65 children participated. (Down 10 from last year). Will need a chairman for next year.

d) Family Fun Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
They are going very well. We do best with movies less than 90 minutes. The next movie night is April 10, 6:30PM.
Penn Skates is coming up this Sunday, March 22, 4:30-6:30. Flyers are going out soon.

e) 5th Grade Party (May/June) – Rachelle Coffey, Mrs. Hipp, Lisa Davis.
They are just finishing a fundraiser to offset the cost of the event - the grilled stickies sale. It has been very successful.

f) Fundraising (ongoing) – TBD.
We need to set up a committee to look at next year. Recommendation – 1 or 2 big fundraisers – consistent. The reward could be an event rather than a material award.

- Marianna Hoagie Sale (fall) – Beth Adams

- Restaurant Cards (spring) – Tracy Binkley
  Sale is presently occurring. Order forms are due by tomorrow.
- Restaurant Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
  They're doing ok. Discussion was held regarding whether we should advertise differently. The next restaurant night is next Wed, March 25, at Applebees. 11am-9pm, dine in or carry out. May 16th will be at Five Guys. Suggestion was made to run Chick-fil-a again due to weather during previous event.
- Fun Run (fall)- Mrs. Rossman-Styers

g) Giant A+ for Education (ongoing) – Kathryn Bainbridge
h) Helping Hands (ongoing) – Tracey Binkley
i) Hospitality (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey
   In February, we gave each staff member a valentine in their mailbox, as well as cupcakes in the staff lounge, and nice TP in their restrooms. We also gave Mrs. Belinda and Mrs. Fox a potted flower to have at their desks. All of this was done via donations. We provided food for the visitors for lit day. This was approximately $100, paid for via PTO funds.
   We are planning to get some treats out for spring.
   Teacher appreciation week is coming up, the first week in May. We will check to see if Mrs. Latta has a room set aside for us. We are going to do the daily luncheon again, provided by parent volunteers and we hope to do daily mailbox treats; TP, soaps, lotions, etc, also provided by parent volunteers.
j) Ice Cream Social (May/June)– Jen Banfield and Lisa Davis
   Decided on date: June 7th. Spending 850.00?
k) Labels for Education (ongoing) – Kirsten Leitzinger
l) Playground (ongoing) -
m) Scholastic Book Fair (fall and spring) – Traci Thomas
   Next year Cindy and Vonda will be chairing the events. The spring BOGO should be scheduled for the first week possible, which is typically the beginning of April. This year the set up will be April 7th. Teacher preview. Open for classrooms Wed - Fri. Open during a movie night too. Profit of $2,000 can be taken as cash versus scholastic dollars - which we would get back to spend in the teacher resource catalog. We currently have 5300 scholastic dollars. The fall sale will be Oct 21,22,23, 2015.
n) Spirit wear (ongoing) – Mrs. Hartzler and Mrs. Rockey. No report
o) Yearbook (Ongoing) – Jennifer McCann.
   Yearbooks are being finalized. The cover contest will highlight the first place winner on the front cover and the second and third place winners in the back of the book. Student photographers were very helpful.

I. New Business

J. Unfinished Business

Announcements: Next Meeting – April 9, 2015 Mrs. Dwyer's classroom

Meeting adjourned – 8:21PM. Motion approved by Lisa Davis and seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McWhirter. To be approved at the April meeting.