Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
April 10, 2014

Minutes

A. Call to Order 6:32PM

B. Presidents' Remarks –Rachelle Coffey / Tracy Binkley

Scholastic book fair took place this month – We were able to give a free book to every child.

We are going to need a new president and treasurer – needed by July 1st to continue PTO.

C. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Latta

So appreciative of the parents for help with PSSA's. Testing window was pushed back due to weather. Parents accommodated change of dates and there were very few, if any, make-ups. 5th grade writing is tomorrow and 4th grade science is the end of April. The kids were great – taking it very seriously. Everyone feeling good about the tests.

Today was Special Olympics – special send off for athletes. All kids will participate in mini Olympic activities in the classroom tomorrow. They will learn the colors of the Olympic flags. There will be an opening and closing ceremony at which time the special Olympic athletes will be recognized.

D. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Susan McWhirter

Motion to approve – Mrs. Styer. Seconded by Mrs. Hartzler. Unanimously approved.

E. Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Beth Adams

Current balance approximately $16,000. This month, we will be paying the spring teacher stipends. $15.00 was received from the Great American Fundraiser. Motion to approve – Mrs. California. Seconded by Allison Witt. Unanimously approved.

F. Funding Requests

1 - Mr. Duffy and 2nd grade teachers – funds to support the common core, teaching non-fiction. 3 subscriptions for next year. $390.30

involves 75 students. $5.20 / student. Motion to approve – Mrs. Smith. Seconded by Mrs. Styers. Unanimously passed.

2 – Karen Styers – Scholastic magazine $129.58 benefitting 5th grade class of 20 students and then shared with other classes. Motion to approve – Mrs. Hartzler. Seconded by Allison Martin. Unanimously passed.

3- Jaime Barbarich - $125.00 benefits autistic support students. 5 students and 6 adults. $10.00 / student. Trip and lunch for this year. Motion to approve – Dea. Seconded by Miss Snyder. Unanimously passed.

4-Mrs. Upcraft and Mrs. Rockey – tadpole growing kits. $78.92 benefitting 45 students (both classes) for this year. Motion to approve – Allison Witt. Seconded. Unanimously passed.

G. Letters of Communication

Thank you's passed around from students to thank the PTO's for free books given during the Scholastic book fair.

H. Committee Reports

A. Author Visit (was on January 27) – Dustin Brackbill
B. Barnes & Noble Book Fair (was on November 9)– Elaine Sanders
C. Box Tops for Education (ongoing) – Caren Bloom-Steidle
Will turn in more tops at the end of the year.
D. Exploration Fair (was on February 24th) – Jamie Cunningham
E. Family Fun Nights (ongoing) –Elaine Sanders
F. 5th Grade Party (May/June) – Cori Agostinelli Kalupson
The parent committee is looking at several options. They will submit a formal funding request next month. The party will be held on Friday June 6th at Spring Creek Park. Bused there and parents will pick up to bring home. Fundraiser will occur: Diner stickies - $7.00 each. Flyers will go home tomorrow. Delivery date will be the Friday before Mothers Day. Looking for food and beverage donations from parents. The funding request will be for busing and possibly tee shirts. Question – will they get a picture? How many packages of stickies do they need to sell in order to hit quota. Have they looked at Sam's club as an option – can buy 2 for the price of one.
G. Giant A+ for Education (ongoing) – Kathryn Bainbridge
Few participants. Target?
H. Great American (was on October 7th – 21st) – Board
Can we do a run in the fall instead? Committee to be established – Mr. Trease, Mrs. Styers, and Mrs. Rockey have all shown an interest. Potentially held during the school day – whom do you open it up to? Mrs. Styers would be willing to head the committee if the event is in the spring - April? The Jump

Rope fundraiser in February for the American Heart Association should not conflict with this.
Great American has been our largest fundraiser each year now. Question was posed: Could we still consider keeping it as an option, but look at alternatives to the key chains?

I. Helping Hands (ongoing) – Tracy Binkley

J. Hospitality (ongoing) – Arianne Stevenson and Jenny Spearly
Teacher appreciation week – looking to purchase items to stock the faculty/staff kitchen.
Motion to approve $40.00 approved by Allison Martin.
Seconded by Lisa Edwards. Unanimously passed.

K. Ice Cream Social (May/June)– Jennifer Banfield
June 1st. same as last year.

L. Labels for Education (ongoing) – Kirsten Leitzinger

M. Marianna Hoagie Sale (was on October 7th – 21st) – Beth Adams

N. Playground (ongoing)
Meeting to be in May before PTO meeting. Already started to move some pieces.

O. Restaurant Nights (ongoing)
Looking at options to continue this through the summer.
This coming Tuesday – Pizza Hut. Dine in carry out of delivery.
May 8th – Five Guys

P. Scholastic Book Fair (April 7th – 11th) – Tracy Thomas, Cheri Jehu, Caren Bloom-Steidle.

Q. Spirit wear (ongoing) – Marcie Rockey and Amber Hartzler
We prebought last year in the fall – because what we have now is very limited. Question was posed: can we sell merchandise at the kindergarten registration.

R. Terra Cycle (Ongoing)

S. Yearbook (Ongoing) – Jennifer McCann
Order forms went out. Money and the order back in by end of month.

I. New Business

* State High Project – has asked for people to man tables during Kindergarten Reg – April 15th. 6-8pm

* Signs – do we want to take orders for signs. Would we sell them? Donation of $5.00. Does someone want to organize this?

* Thank parent volunteers – thank you open house May 31st – Susan McWhirter's house. More details to come.

* Co president and treasurer needed. Reco – to send a letter home to all parents letting them know

J. Unfinished Business

A. Announcements

A. Next Meetings – May 8, 2014 Mrs. Styers, 5th grade room

Meeting adjourned – 7:29

Motion to approve – Miss Snyder. Seconded by Dea. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McWhirter