Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
May 8, 2014

Minutes

A. Call to Order: 6:47PM. Introductions

B. Presidents' Remarks –Rachelle Coffey / Tracy Binkley
   - We are in the midst of teacher appreciation week – which has been a great success!
   - We are moving forward on the playground.
   - It has been an honor and privilege to be on the PTO. Thank you!
   - Rachelle will be moving off of the board after having completed her 2nd year as co-president. Tracy will continue onto her second year as co-president. Thank you to Beth Adams, as she will be moving on after completing her second year as treasurer, and for her many years of service to the elementary school!

C. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Latta
   - Spring concert took place.
   - PSAA results will come back in Sept/October.
   - End of year wrap up – calendar went out to teachers. Activities happening daily.
   - Hope that everyone votes on May 20th for the high school project. If you can't go for the tour of the current high school then the Utube videos are great.

D. Reading and Approval of Minutes from April's meeting – Susan McWhirter. Approved by Lisa Davis. Seconded by Jen Banfield.

E. Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Beth Adams
   $16,643 balance. Received box tops – earning approximately $1400.00. Fifth grade raised money for their end of year party – approximately $75.00. Yearbook orders were received. We paid $111.00 for Time Life magazine subscriptions and $79.00 for tadpoles. Restaurant nights: Pizza hut – we received $115.00. They are very interested in doing it again. Expenses to come: ice cream social, fifth grade party. Question on

income summary – no money for past three years from Giant? $560.00 just received for last year's earnings. Budget approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Seconded by Mrs. Styers.

F. Funding Requests

1) Field day – June 6th: snacks/drinks throughout the day. Last year water and ice pops were provided. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Seconded by Jen Banfield.
2) Cabinet for the teachers lounge (from cabinet solutions) Price from OPP. Estimate for paint (2 shades of blue). Recommendation from a parent: Sherwin Williams runs really good sales and is good paint. Motion to approve up to $600.00. Approved by Allen Mathene. Seconded by Lisa Edwards.

G. Letters of Communication

Being passed around – many thanks from the students and teachers for a variety of things. A parent asked if we were purchasing equipment, rather than just shifting old. The PTO president sent a response to this inquiry.

H. Committee Reports

- Author Visit (was on January 27) – Dustin Brackbill
  Summer reading – there will be 4 events throughout the summer.
  * Lunch bunch at Spring Creek, * used book swap, * pets and books, * a movie night.
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair (was on November 9)– Elaine Sanders
  Looking at options for next year.
- Box Tops for Education (ongoing) – Caren Bloom-Steidle
  We will continue to collect through June
- Exploration Fair (was on February 24th) – Jamie Cunningham
- Family Fun Nights (ongoing) –Elaine Sanders
- 5th Grade Party (June) – Cori Agostinelli Kalupson
  Pavilion at Spring Creek – no charge. We can use SCASDA insurance. Donations being received. Photo booth – being donated. Class photo? Motion to approve up to $600 for tee shirts and additional funds for the buses. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Seconded by Lisa Edwards.
- Fun Run – Mrs. Styers – brain storming ideas: build a shoe / buckets to collect money. We can provide zip lock bags at the end of the year and then have the children collect spare change over the summer in order to get to the "starting line". (Estimated collection $1200). In the fall, we can designate days to bring in coins and older classrooms can count the change. We can announce the event at the back to school nights. The event could be held on a Friday, during a school day (two weeks after back to school nights). We still need to decide on distance.

We will have the children collect funds through pledge sheets (monies could be due at the end of September). A committee can get people in position, maybe by grade level or everyone can start together.

- Giant A+ for Education (ongoing) – Kathryn Bainbridge
- Great American (was on October 7th – 21st) – Board
  Will look at other fundraising options for next year. If necessary, we can run a Great American fundraiser in the spring.
- Helping Hands (ongoing) – Tracy Binkley
  Perhaps we can initiate this during conferences next year.
- Hospitality (ongoing) – Ariann Stevenson and Jenny Spearly
  This week is teacher appreciation week – staff lounge: supplies were collected in order to turn the teacher/staff lounge into a functional kitchen), favors, decorations, different themed meals provided each day, toilet paper (2 ply) was provided for the teacher / staff bathrooms. Feedback: multiple days was a great idea. The teachers liked the little surprises each day.
- Ice Cream Social (will be held on June 1st at 3:00PM)– Jennifer Banfield
  Save the date and volunteer forms – to be printed. Prizes will be collected by classroom. Ice cream will be distributed and book donations will be displayed in order for children to take books home.
- Labels for Education (ongoing) – Kirsten Leitzinger
  Balance of 18,517 labels. A catalog will be left in the teacher lounge in order to "purchase" prizes with the labels collected.
- Marianna Hoagie Sale (was on October 7th – 21st) – Beth Adams
- Playground (ongoing)
  We have picked a piece of equipment (new) to be installed. If we have more money – perhaps we can get a tunnel? The new climbing piece will go into the ground within the next few months. Some old pieces are still being moved. Asphalt and landscaping – OPP will resurface existing asphalt. The school earned a bench through the Centre County recycle program this past year.
- Restaurant Nights (ongoing) – Ariann Stevenson.
  A request was made to use the monies earned for an outdoor storage locker with a lock in order to store equipment.
  Possibility for summer restaurant nights: Chick fil-A, Panera, Sweet Frog – for the summer.
- Scholastic Book Fair (was on April 7th through the 10th) – Tracy Thomas, Cheri Jehu, Caren Bloom-Steidle
  $3,978.58 in books sold. 10% scholastic $ bonus. No other profit because the sale was a "buy one get one free", therefore, every child received a free book. Spent $2,000 of scholastic dollars, still $2,000 left. The librarian was offered to choose materials. We will schedule both fairs for next year – fair in the fall. BOGO in the spring.
  Committee possibilities – Alison Witt, Cindy Restivo.
- Spirit wear (ongoing) – Marcie Rockey and Amber Hartzler
  There were a large number of new students this year, therefore, we are almost out of our existing stock.
- Terra Cycle (Ongoing)
- Yearbook (Ongoing) – Jennifer McCann

Sold 160 books. Donating one book, based on request. Approved by Ariann Stevenson, Seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle.

I. New Business

- "Thank you open house" will be held on May 31st 1-3 at Susan McWhirter's house.
- 2014-2015 Board officers to be elected in:
    - Co president (for two year term) – Alison Martin. Approved by Caren Bloom-Steidle, Seconded by Rachelle Coffey.
    - Treasurer (for two year term) - Holly Kanonchuck. Approved by Rachelle Coffey. Seconded by Tracy Binkley

J. Unfinished Business

K. Announcements.

Meeting Closed at 8:08PM – Approved by Rachelle Coffey. Seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle

Respectfully submitted by Susan McWhirter. To be approved at September 18th, 2014 PTO meeting.