Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
October 11, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm by Co-president Kathryn Bainbridge and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Presidents' Remarks: Kathryn Bainbridge reminded the group that if there is interest in being an officer next year, please let one of the PTO officers know. Thank you for the great teacher attendance tonight.

Principal's Remarks: A fire drill will be held on October 12. October is Boalsburg Fire Company Month and the Boalsburg Fire Company will be having very age-appropriate activities. October 31 is the Halloween Party and Fall Festival; a flyer will be going home to families soon. Two dates in November will be scheduled to reward the students for the Positive Behavior program.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Elaine. The motion passed unanimously. A change was noted in the Treasurer's report.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report: The current balance is 5,775.26, up a bit from last month due to an anonymous donation of $200 (thank you!) and Spirit Wear sales. The kindergarteners took trip to Way Fruit Farm, at a cost of $354. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ericka Ahn; seconded by Susan Hipp. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraiser Activity Update: The Tait Farm fundraiser will be held on November 29. The PTO will receive 30% of the amount spent on Tait Farm products. A letter will be sent to families about funding and dues changes for the PTO, encouraging donations if families wish. Work progresses on the car magnets; the Cats Meow school products are being produced and will be announced when ready.

Every family will receive a MNES Directory this year and a business has offered to support the cost of the printing of the document. A motion to have KBB support the printing of the directory was made by Caren Bloom-Steidle; seconded by Anne Campbell. The motion passed unanimously. Changes were made to the wording on the cover page. We will check with Colonial Press to see if they would be interested in printing the Directory and have KBB support that cost.

Funding Requests: A request was made to support a trip for the kindergartners to see "How I Became A Pirate" at Eisenhower Auditorium on February 25, 2013. A total of 59 students will attend at a cost $599.56 or $10.16/student. The teachers have applied for a subsidy for the bus and if this is approved, the amount of that expenditure will be returned to the PTO. A motion to approve the request was made by Dea Biberdorf; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. The motion passed unanimously.

A request, tabled from the last meeting, was made for $120 for the Great Pizza Mystery to be held in November. A motion to approve the request was made by Caren Bloom-Steidle; seconded by Dustin Brackbill. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was made for $420 for the 3rd and 4th grade students to attend a show at the State Theatre next year. The cost will be $3.50/student. Learning enrichment will pay half of the cost and the cost of the bus. A motion to approve the request was made by Caren Bloom-Steidle; seconded by Lisa Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Stipends: A motion to provide classroom support during the school year was made by Lydia Olsen; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. The motion passed unanimously. The month of May might be a good month to provide this support.

Lydia Olson offered to look into getting support from restaurants.

Letters of Communication: None were presented for review.

Committee Reports

A. Spirit wear: Jamie Cunningham reported that the t-shirts should be in anytime. She can do another order at a later date.
B. Marianna's Hoagie Sale: Beth Adams reported that the deadline for orders is October 17. Not many orders have been received but a number of orders are expected near the deadline.
C. Great American: Mindy Sabol reported that Great American has a winter and a spring fundraiser. It was suggested that we do a fall fundraiser and then do another one in the spring (March) if we need the income. A motion to do a fall Great American fundraiser was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Mindy Sabol. The motion passed unanimously.
D. Scholastic Book Fair: Ericka Ahn reported that the event will start on the evening of October 17 and will take place again from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on October 18 and 19. Teacher baskets will be set up. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to staff the sale!
E. Barnes & Noble Book Fair: Anne Campbell reported that the fair will be held on November 10. Anne sent a note out to the PTO e-mail distribution list asking for volunteers to staff the event, especially for

crafts, a scavenger hunt, and a possible raffle. Barnes and Noble is trying to pre-sell Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes and if we sell those, a percentage will go into the sales for the PTO. A decision was made to forgo this due to the cost of the cheesecakes ($40).

F. Box Tops for Education: Caren Bloom-Steidle reported that a flyer will be going home next week about bringing in the boxtops that have been collected by families before the deadline of October 24. She will hold a classroom challenge again in January.

G. Giant A+ for Education: Kathryn Bainbridge reported that the forms have been submitted.

H. Labels for Education: Kathryn Bainbridge reported that is a new activity this year and asked who has been picking up the donations. She has done one submission so far and will be doing one submission each month.

I. Empties4Cash: Lisa Davis reported that a box of toner cartridges will be sent soon.

J. Hospitality: Mindy Sabol reported that Gemelli Bread has a taco truck and pizza oven that will come to school to do lunch for the teachers before the weather gets too cold. A request for $250 to support this event was made. A motion to approve the request was made by Mindy Sabol; seconded by Dea Biberdorf. The motion passed unanimously. During subsequent discussion, it was determined that final approval for this activity will be postponed until funding is secured

K. Family Fun Nights: Discovery Space will give the students a free entry for a day during a given month. We may consider the month of February to help students get ideas for the Exploration Fair exhibits.

L. Exploration Fair: A chair is needed for this event. Set up will take place on Friday, February 22 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The fair will take place on Monday, February 25, all day into the evening.

M. Ice Cream Social: No report

N. 5th Grade Party: No report. The budget for this event needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

O. Yearbook: Please submit via the link on the MNES home page or the PTO homepage.

P. PTO newsletter: No report

Q. Author Visit: Dustin Brackbill reported that that will take place in November 9 with local author Martha Freeman 9 and with local author Jody Moore on November 19. Book order forms will be coming next week.

New Business: No items were presented for discussion.

Unfinished Business: No items were presented for discussion.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2012 in Room 308, Mrs. Baronak's classroom.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Davis 10/30/12

Lisa Davis, Secretary Date