Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
March 14, 2013

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-president Rachelle Coffey at 6:46 pm. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

President's Remarks: Co-president Rachelle Coffey noted that the Exploration Fair was a great success. Nominations for the officer positions of Co-president and Secretary are needed!

Principal's Remarks: Mrs. Latta was unable to attend and sent the following report.

The Exploration Fair was really successful. Jamie Cunningham and her children Kyle and Kaylyn all did an awesome job with the organization. After the fair was over, Jamie sent me a list of suggestions that would make next year's fair even better.

MNE was used as a site for Leadership Centre County this year; it used to be at the Middle School. We were proud to host, and the 40 community members enjoyed seeing our new building and learning about "Education Day."

On Friday, March 1, we had our Secure-in-Place Drill. We did discover one classroom that didn't lock on the outside. We never knew this; we only learned about this through our drill when the police and I tried to open the classroom door (which was to be locked) and the door opened immediately. A work order was immediately sent in. Our Traumatic Events Team will reconvene on March 22 to review both our Security Audit as well as our Secure-in-Place Drill plus fire drills with blocked exits.

On Friday, March 8, our School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program held its second "Trimester Reward" for our children. Seven students were not eligible to participate because they had received more than one discipline referral. They sat with me and we had a nice discussion about appropriate behavior to ensure they'll take part in our May celebration.

On Monday, March 11, our Great American Fundraiser assembly took place at 9 am and was a lot of fun!

Reading and Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by

Tracy Binkley; seconded by Anne Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report: Beth Adams reported that since last month, the PTO budget increased by $2,300. The income from Vera Bradley was $800 less than expected. We paid bills in the amounts of $536 for "How I Became A Pirate," and $244 for the buses to that show; $714 for the State College Theatre for the 3rd and 4th graders to attend "Frindle." A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Caren Bloom-Steidle; seconded by Dustin Brackbill. The motion passed unanimously.

Funding Requests: No funding requests were presented for review.

Nominations for Officers for 2013-2014: Co-president Rachelle Coffey reiterated that nominations for the officer positions of Co-president and Secretary are needed and she reminded the group that without a full complement of officers, the PTO will not be able to be active.

Letters of Communication: A thank you note from Room 101 for "How I Became a Pirate" was received.

Committee Reports

A. Great American: Mindy Sabol reported that the fundraiser is going very well; 70 booklets came back the first day.
B. Author Visit: Dustin Brackbill reported that everything is on track for the author visit on April 29.
C. Box Tops for Education: Caren Bloom-Steidle reported that we earned $1,101; 11,000 boxtops were collected! The third grade won and they will be deciding on their prize. Another batch of boxtops will be sent in June with the money coming in the fall. Thank you, Caren!
D. Exploration Fair: This was a fantastic event. Thank you, Jamie, and thank you to the entire Cunningham family!
E. Spirit wear: A chair for this committee is needed for next year. Marcie Rockey and Amber Hartzler volunteered to be co-chairs.
F. Yearbook: Jennifer McCann sent a report indicating that the yearbook process was made much easier this year by using the online template. A total of 200 yearbooks will be ordered and sold for $15. Checks will be made out to the MNES PTO. Jen will make the decision regarding the due date and will answer any questions that are submitted electronically. A motion to approve the number of yearbooks ordered and the price for each was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. The motion passed unanimously.
G. Ice Cream Social: Jen Banfield has names of people who have expressed interest and will e-mail those who volunteered. We will not be holding a raffle this year due to the new state regulations for this

type of activity.

H. Scholastic Book Fair: Set up will be on April 1 at 10:00 am and the fair will take place on April 2-4. Classroom visits will take place on April 2-3 from 9:00 am – 1:15 pm. Family nights will take place on April 4 and 5 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This is a buy-one-get-one-free event and every student will get a free book.

I. 5th Grade Party: Jen Barber and Stephanie Dry are chairing this event.

J. Hospitality: Mindy Sabol reported that she is continuing to work on the details for Teacher Appreciation Week which will take place during an early week in May. She will develop for review and approval at the PTO meeting in April.

K. Giant A+ for Education: No report

L. Labels for Education: No report.

M. Empties4Cash: Lisa Davis reported that a box of toner cartridges will be sent when full. There has not been a good return on investment for this fundraiser. Tracy Binkley made a motion to discontinue this event after this academic year; seconded by Anne Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

N. Family Fun Nights: We may consider having a movie night in April. Marcie Rockey will check on a date; Dustin Brackbill will send the approved list of movies to Rachelle Coffey so that one can be seleted.

New Business: Marcie Rockey proposed an idea for raising funds to support incentives for the School-wide Positive Behavior program whereby items could be sold in the teacher's lounge. This could be run by faculty and sponsored by the PTO. Marcie will check on this and report back at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Dustin reported the results of the summer library survey. A total of 62 responses were received and it looks as if Monday morning was selected as the most popular time. We may want to have a Summer Book Night. Dustin will report back at the meeting in April and submit a funding request if needed.

Announcements: The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2013 in Room 120, the Art Room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Jen Banfield. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Lisa Davis 3/17/13

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