Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
May 9, 2013

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm in Room 201, Mrs. Styers' classroom, by co-president Rachelle Coffey.

President's Remarks: Rachelle Coffey welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for all the hard work the PTO volunteers have given the past few months. Rachelle also expressed recognition for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Kathryn Bainbridge, co-president, shared that Cat's Meow schools and MNE car magnets will be for sale at the Ice Cream Social.

Principal's Remarks: Mrs. Latta shared that the remainder of the school year will be busy with the following activities: MNMS Jazz Band coming to perform at MNE, Juvenile Diabetes walk, the "anatomy & physiology" talk to 5th grade parents and students, field trips, 1st grade tree planting, 5th grade party, Ice Cream Social, Flash Mob (a school wide dance to be done by the end of the school year), school picnic on May 23, and the 3rd trimester celebration for positive behavior. Mrs. Latta also expressed her deep appreciation for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week this year.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 11, 2013 meeting were approved as read. A motion to accept the minutes were made by Tracy Binkley; second by Lisa Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report: Rachelle Coffey reviewed the PTO Budget Summary Report for the school year thus far. Revenue deposited in the PTO account since last month included $1,169 from Box Tops, $1,290 from Great American, and $2,224 from the Scholastic Book Fair. Expenses for the month included $6,800 for the products associated with Great American, $3,171 for the yearbook, and $2,220.46 for the Scholastic Book Fair. Not reflected in the budget summary is the income for the yearbooks; the invoice has been paid but the no sales deposits have been made. Teacher gifts in the amount of approximately $1,400 will be paid on May 10, and approximately $900 will be spent on the Teacher/Staff Appreciation week activities. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sarah Dwyer; seconded by Mindy Sabol. The motion passed unanimously.

Funding Requests: Four funding requests were presented for review. The Autistic Support Students requested additional funds for t-shirts for Special Olympics. Last month, the PTO approved $150 for t-shirts for the

Olympians and their 5th grade student trainers/supporters. Additional funds of $102.25 were requested. A motion to approve the funding request was made by Tracy Binkley; seconded by Mindy Sabol. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was made by the 1st grade teachers for next school year for copies of *National Geographic Kids* and *Time for Kids*. These magazines will be used by all interested students throughout the school. The total cost is $165.90. A motion to approve the funding request was made by Mindy Sabol; seconded by Suzanne McWhirter. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was made for $200 for popsicles for Field Day. These popsicles will be provided through the food department of the school district. If sugar-free popsicles are not available through the food department, then Lisa Edwards has offered by purchase a box of sugar-free popsicles for those students who are diabetic. A motion to approve the funding request was made by Dustin Brackbill; seconded by Tracy Binkley. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was made by Dustin Brackbill for the Summer Reading Program for $40.00 to be used to establish an E-books system for all elementary schools in the district. All elementary schools in the district are being asked to give $40 with the goal of getting $500, which will be matched for a total of $1,000. The E-books system will be a district-wide service and our school will have a direct link to them on the website. A motion to approve the funding request was made by Lisa Edwards; seconded by Jenn McCann. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Stipends: These will be distributed this week as it was voted and approved at the last PTO meeting.

Nomination for Officers for 2013-2015: Kathryn Bainbridge shared that the PTO is in need of a co-president and secretary for the upcoming two school years. Tracy Binkley was nominated for co-president and Susan McWhirter was nominated for secretary. A show of hands vote was made and the nominations approved unanimously in support of their election into office.

Letters of Communication: Numerous letters of appreciation were distributed, including expressions of thanks by students of Mrs. Styers' class for the PTO service over the past year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Great American: A fall sale will occur next year with monkey incentives. The goal of the fall sale will be to minimize the need for a spring sale.

B. Author Visit: Dustin Brackbill reported that the virtual visit with Dan Guttman was a huge success and many teachers provided input as noted in an e-mail that Dustin Brackbill distributed to parents following the event.
C. Box Tops for Education: Caren Bloom-Steidle reported that collections will continue with a final processing of box tops over the summer.
D. Spirit Wear: Marcie Rockey and Amber Hartzler will facilitate this next year. Thank you, Jamie Cunningham, for your hard work over the years with Spirit Wear!!
E. Yearbook: Jenn McCann reported that 175 books have been ordered by students and the school ordered a total of 200. Those 25 extra will likely be sold to students by the end of the school year and will be kept in the main office. Due to tax and the extra pages of the yearbook, there is an estimated loss of $170 to the PTO.
F. Ice Cream Social: Jennifer Banfield reported that the organization for this event is moving along well. A flyer was sent home last week for volunteers and a good response has been received. She shared that she will soon begin collecting items in the classrooms for the door prizes.
G. 5th Grade Party: No report.
H. Hospitality: Mindy Sabol reported that Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is taking place this week. Thank you Mindy and all volunteers this week for such a great way for us to show our appreciation!!
I. Giant A+ for Education: No report.
J. Labels for Education: During this first year of involvement, the school earned over 4,500 points. The intent of these points is to be used for gym supplies. At this time, Mr. Treece, the gym teacher, has asked that these points be saved in order to accrue over the next school year in order to be able to buy larger needed items.
K. Terra Cycle: Kathryn Bainbridge reported that Cori Agostinelli Kalupson has been collecting juice pouches this year, totaling over 3,000. Discussion was held on whether the money earned (one cent per pouch) should come back to PTO or be donated. A motion to use the funds from Terra Cycle to purchase a bench for the playground area at MNES was made by Lisa Edwards; seconded by Mindy Sabol. The motion passed unanimously.
L. Empties4Cash: This effort will no longer occur at MNES due to little return for the school. Thanks to Lisa Davis for her time and energy. Lisa will send a final box of toner cartridges after the school year has ended.
M. Family Fun Nights: Much praise was given on the positive Family Movie Night held last week.

New Business

Kathryn Bainbridge shared that three teachers will be retiring this year and

it is PTO practice to purchase a children's book in their honor for the school library. Dustin Brackbill will handle this matter. The three teachers are: Carol Schempf, special education para; Mary Ann Callan, kindergarten/ lunch para; and Mindi Cocolin, Title 1 teacher.

Kathryn Bainbridge shared that she received an e-mail from Michelle Huerbin, PTSO president at MNMS, reaching out to all 5th grade parents who might be interested in serving on the PTSO board next year. If interested, please e-mail mnespto@gmail.com and Michelle's contact information will shared.

Kathryn Bainbridge shared that, as a follow-up from last month's discussion on the Tyson A+ program, she was unable to find substantial information on the program. That program will not be pursued at this time.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented for discussion.

Announcements: A 'Thank You' Open House will be held on June 1, 2013 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the home of Lisa Davis, as the PTO officers wish to express thanks to all the PTO families this past school year. Volunteers and their families are welcome.

The next meeting, the first one of the 2013-2014 school year, will be held on September 12, 2013. A reminder flyer will be sent out at the beginning of the school year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tracy Binkley; seconded by Dustin Brackbill. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Kathryn Bainbridge 5/12/13

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