Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
October 13, 2011

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

Presidents' Remarks: The remarks were deferred to later in the meeting.

Principal's Remarks: The faculty met on October 10 for a tornado drill which was interesting since the school has so much glass. The students did very well with the drill. There have been several fire drills and the Boalsburg Fire Company has recently visited the school. Two assemblies have been held, one on the fundraiser and one on SOAR. Picture day is on October 17. Dustin is working on the website. The building dedication was held on October 1 with about 50% of the fifth graders in attendance. Overall, about 70-100 people from the community went through the building during the two hour Open House.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dustin Brackbill and seconded by Sarah Williamson. The motion passed. It was noted that the name of the school at Target been not been changed but that credit card donations seem to be coming to the right account.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report: The proposed budget for this year is based on actual expenses from last. To date, the total amount received for the Great American Fundraiser was $12,000 with several bills yet to be paid. The final profit on that event will be available next month. The bills for Spirit Wear have not been paid yet. A motion to approve the report was made by Sarah; seconded by Jamie Cunningham. The motion passed.

Shannon noted that the PTO is having challenges in getting name changed on the bank account. Jamie got a new EIN today. A motion was made by Heather Bodenschatz to change the name from the Boalsburg/Panorama PTO to the Mt. Nittany Elementary PTO; seconded bv Amy Houser. The motion passed.

Letters of Communication: No letters of communications were presented for review.

Committee Reports

A. Spirit wear: Spirit wear will be delivered to the students on October 14.
B. Great American Fundraiser: This was a successful fall fundraiser that should raise about $6,000. All the kids had a great time at the BMX

show and loved the VIP seating. All the products will be delivered by November 2. Thank you Jamie and thank you for setting it up so that all the students could participate!

C. Scholastic Book Fair: the sale was held on October 10-11 with good traffic during those days. We made about $4,000. Discussion focused on whether the PTO should take the cash profit (25%) or Scholastic Dollars (50%). The PTO currently has over $2,400 from previous years. A motion was made by Dea Bieberdorf to use the Scholastic Dollars; seconded by Susan McWhirter. The buy one, get one week will be held April 30-May 4.

There was also discussion about using some of those dollars to purchase winter coats or create a clothing swap. This topic will be added to the next agenda. Please send any thoughts to mnespto@gmail.com

D. Barnes & Noble Book Fair: Anne Campbell and Dustin Brackbill are co-chairing the fair and have met with the manager at the bookstore. Dustin will do a pajama night and will sell the visiting author books.

E. Box Tops for Education: The deadline is November 1 with the first collection set for October 23.

F. Giant A+ for Education: Lisa is working on changing the name but we can still register under Boalsburg/Panorama. To date, only 28 have registered as opposed to 75 last year at this time. The program started on October 9.

G. Empties 4 Cash: A box of toner cartridges is partially full and will be sent off as soon as it is completely filled. The name has been changed on this account.

H. Hospitality: No report but toilet paper has been distributed.

I. Family Fun Nights: The Penn Skates event was held on Sunday and although it wasn't well attended due to weather and family travel plans, it was a lot of fun. Flyers were given out but it seems as if not every family received one. We need to post signs around the school for events like this. The owner of Penn Skates would welcome us to have another skating event this winter. There are other suggestions to consider as well such as board game night, movie night, etc.

J. Exploration Fair: A good committee has been established.

K. Marianna's Fall Hoagie Sale: Order forms are due on October 18.

L. Ice Cream Social: No report.

M. 5th Grade Party: No report.

N. Yearbook: A good committee has been established.

O. PTO newsletter: The newsletter will go home on October 14. We need to be cognizant of the deadline for submission of information. A Google.doc note will be sent to all of the chairs to remind them to get information to Sarah. The lead time should be about two weeks.

Sarah as confirmed that a listserv will be set up for the PTO to use to e-mail to each family who can subscribe or unsubscribe to the list. Mrs.

Latta will send a note to the families once the link is ready to be sent. A hard copy of materials will continue to be sent to those who do not have access to computers

P. Author Visit: Helen Lester is visiting four of the elementary schools in November so Dustin will be able to report on the success of those visits at the November and December meetings. The MNES Author Visit date is April 12, 2012.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Funding Requests: A request was submitted by Sarah Williamson for the K-2 students to attend a Dr. Seuss play at Eisenhower. The request for $1,141 will support tickets for 165 students, travel, and a nurse. A motion to approve the funding request was made by Dea Bieberdorf; seconded by Rochelle Coffey. The motion passed.

Other Requests: A request was received by Mrs. Wallace for pants for use with students who have spilled milk, etc. on their clothes. Any donations of unisex, long pants, with an elastic band can be sent to school with your child with a note that these are for the nurse's office.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2011. The room will be announced in the reminder that will be sent home.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Davis, Secretary Date