# Mount Nittany Elementary School
# PTO Meeting
# January 12, 2012

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Bainbridge at 6:46 pm.

Presidents' Remarks: Members were encouraged to think about serving on the Board for next year. Cori Agostinelli-Kalupson and Shannon Messick will be stepping down of the 2 year terms and replacements are needed to continue such a prosperous PTO. The first year of co-president serves to allow the individual to observe the role of the president and then take the 2nd year to service more of the head president contact.

Principal's Remarks: Mrs. Latta shared that the school monthly assemblies are focusing on kindness, caring, and other positive behavior words as a way to continue to support a positive school experience. Children were recognized in each class who showed kindness in all situations. This month will be focused on caring. Mrs. Latta also shared that an Exploration Fair meeting being held on 1/13/12 to finalize some details. Beginning in September 2012, there will be a Positive Behavior Support focus for the school and teachers will begin trainings soon to prepare of this focus next school year.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mindy Sabol; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Motion approved.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report: An amount of $744.68 has been approved for the Little Buffalo field trip. A motion to approve the report was made by Caren Bloom-Steidle; seconded by Mindy Sabol. Motion approved.

Letters of Communication: There were a few letters that were circulated for review.

Committee Reports

A. Spirit Wear: Some t-shirts have been left over and may be able to be sold at the Family Fun Night along with the Cats Meow merchandise.
B. Scholastic Book Fair: No report.
C. Barnes & Noble Book Fair: The event will be help the 2nd weekend in November, 2012
D. Box Tops for Education: No report.
E. Giant A+ for Education: No report.
F. Empties 4 Cash: No update as of this meeting.

G. Hospitality: Thank you to Mindy Sabol and all her donated for a wonderful teachers luncheon!
H. Family Fun Nights: The chair, Ariann Stephenson, reported that the Penny Carnival will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The change may be donated to charity along with penny drives in the classrooms. Flyers have been distributed to children about the event.
I. Exploration Fair: The fair will be held on Monday, February 27 and set up will take place on February 24 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm using the entire gym. For those unable to set up on Friday, they may be able to set up on Monday, earlier in the day. If there is a snow day on February 27, the fair will be held on Tuesday, February 28.
J. Ice Cream Social: No report.
K. 5th Grade Party: No report.
L. Yearbook: Jennifer McCann continues to compile information and photos for the yearbook. Discussion was had on classroom information notes such as last year (favorite TV show, favorite song, etc) as well as what to do with the extra pages in the back of the year book (add more pictures, list class favorites.)
M. PTO Newsletter: no report
N. Author Visit: No report.
O. Vera Bradley Bingo: The event will be held on February 10; the snow date will be February 17. Donations for raffle prizes will be much appreciated and notes went home with children for such donations.
P. Clothing Exchange: No report.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

Funding Requests: none

Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2012.