



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 3/7/19

Attendees: J. Smith, A. Hanlon, J. Robison, C. Shields, K. Dash, B. Smith, J. Spoto.

February PTO Meeting Minutes approved by K. Dash, B. Smith

PTO Correspondence

Mrs. Lobur's and Mrs. Hanlon's class made thank you cards for winning a B&N gift card from the Box Tops Contest. Fifth graders made thank you cards for their field trip to see *Tuck Everlasting* at Theatre of Youth. Mrs. Smith made a large poster to thank the PTO for supporting The Jungle Book musical.

Reports

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 3/7/19 for February 2019

Monthly Treasurer's Report for Feb 2019			
	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$11,001.59	\$1,485.48	\$12,487.07
Income			
Membership	\$5.00		
Fundraising (Musical)	\$500.00		
Dividend Transfer from Savings	\$0.56		
Misc. Fundraiser - Tops	\$57.85		
TOTAL INCOME	\$563.41	\$3,229.27	\$3,792.68
Expense			
Box Tops	\$150.00		
Field Trip - 1st Grade	\$860.00		
Central Council Dues	\$572.50		
Busing Expense	\$351.92		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,934.42	\$1,258.04	\$3,192.46
Ending Balance	\$9,630.58	\$3,456.71	\$13,087.29
Net Income (Loss)			\$600.22

There was brief discussion among the group on the new CCPTO by-laws/guidelines as they pertain to how PTO funds should be spent. Expenses need to benefit the general Windom population as opposed to targeted groups or individuals. PTO account balances should generally be in line with expected recurring or imminent expenses. Therefore going forward, we are minimizing annual fundraisers and keeping only a handful of the top revenue-generators such as the Fun Run and Niagara Candy.

Principal: Mr. Johnson – March 15th is now a half-day of elementary attendance. NYS Testing for grades 3-5 will take place in April and May. ELA is April 2-3; Math is May 1-2. Susan Verde will visit Windom March 12-13. She will meet with every grade and do a yoga session with prize winners from the essay contest. Please fill out your Mission and Vision input form that was emailed to all parents recently. Another reminder will go out soon.

Teacher: Mrs. Hanlon reporting – There were thank you cards made from Mrs. Hanlon's and Mrs. Lobur's class, as well as Mrs. Smith (see above for details). McTeacher Night is on March 13th from 4-7 p.m. at the Orchard Park Rd. McDonald's. Mrs. Biondo thanks the PTO for Henry & Mudge tickets at Kleinhans.

PTO Updates

Niagara Candy Pickup – Candy orders were submitted to Niagara Chocolate. Sales were generally the same as last year (~\$13,000). Candy pickup will be on April 1st from 3-7 p.m in the cafeteria.

Square 1 Art – The stickers and catalogs with ordering information are going home with the students. Please submit your orders to school by March 19th. Delivery of the products will be before Easter on April 11th. A pick-up waiver form will be circulated to parents if they wish to have their order sent home with their child.

Box Tops Contest – Grand total earned = \$1341.90. Keep saving for next year!

Movie Event: *Small Foot* – About the same turnout as last year. \$108 pre-sale, \$10 at the door. Total: \$118.

Upcoming/Current Events

Mother's Day Plant Sale – Will be on May 9-10 in Mrs. Lew's gym. 1600 plants will be ordered so students can purchase up to 3 plants for \$1 each. Look in MSA for volunteer signup info as we get closer.

Spring Book Fair – We will communicate wishlist items to Larry Silver. These will be popular kid titles. Scholastic has contacted our presidents asking us to partner with them for this book fair, however we have no interest in working with them based on issues we've experienced with them in the past.

Upcoming

PTO Co-President Jaclyn Robison mentioned that her son is working on his Eagle Scout project. If there's a project that would benefit the outdoor space at Windom, he would love to consider it as his project. Those present supported the idea. Some suggestions were a pavilion or a nature trail. Will communicate further with Mr. Johnson and any other pertinent staff for consideration.

A Windom parent shared a link on FB about a [Project Learning Garden contest](#) sponsored thru Tops Markets. By entering, a school could win a grant to have a community garden installed on school property, which would provide various learning opportunities for students. We will look into this – it's a simple entry form, but will pursue if we think it would be worthwhile in the end.

Spring Assembly ideas – Nickel City Reptiles or perhaps Earth Spirit. The proposed time frame for this would be after state testing concludes in early May.

Restaurant Fundraiser – April would be a good time to hold one since it's a relatively quiet month. A sit-down dinner place was suggested, however Christy will look into our options and share.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Spoto, PTO Secretary