

## PTO Minutes for September 14, 2016

- A meeting of the PTO was held Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Library. There were 26 members in attendance.
- President Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- We made introductions around the room. We had several people who are new to the school and/or never attended a PTO meeting. Diane explained that PTO is an organization that joins the school community; parents, teachers, students and admin together through fun educational activities. We are not an organization that can work on the curriculum or have administrative roles.

### Principal's Update

Mr. Brian Wedge announced that the School has had a couple of exciting weeks to start the year off. Teachers are getting to know their students. Mr. Wedge wants to encourage parents to reach out to other parents and to get involved in the school. We will be working on a volunteer program this year. There will be a bulletin board with will recognize parents involvement. More to come at the next meeting.

### Treasurers Report

Amy gave an update on the account. We have \$2830 in the acct. We are waiting for the final cost of the Back to school BBQ. We also need to pay for our liability insurance - \$300

### Updates:

1. We paid \$200 for new toys for the playground before the start of the year.
2. The Back to School BBQ had a good turn out and ran smoothly. Teachers help to run the BBQ.
3. We collected Box Tops on the 9<sup>th</sup>. They are still being counted. We are doing individual and highest classroom prizes. There is a Box top app that parents can use after shopping. They scan the barcode and scan their receipt. We will look into getting this out to the parents. We typically raise \$1500 on box tops.
4. The Grandparent's Day movie was well received. There were approx. 30 open seats. We were told that people were happy we had an even for grandparents and that felt very welcomed by PTO. They watched Angry Birds.

### New Business:

- 1.) The Book fair will start Sept 29<sup>th</sup> in the Library and will coincide with open house. We receive 40% of the proceeds from scholastic in the form of cash and scholastic dollars, which have a deadline. We need volunteer for the book fair.
- 2.) We are looking to start a volunteer program for parents and honor them on the bulletin board "Three for Me". We will have a coordinator by the next meeting. Mrs. Whiting will keep the bulletin board tree up to date. Amy H will make a form for the office and contact parents.
- 3.) Mr. Wedge also spoke about the Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program. This program is for Fathers/Male figures to get involved in the school, provide safety at events, do some heavy lifting, and security. We will look into this at the next meeting.
- 4.) Mrs. Poulin asked us once again to fund the 100 books program T-shirts for the first grade. Garret Glidden made a motion, Diane seconded and passed unanimously. The cost will be \$368.
- 5.) Mrs. Reese, for the second grade sent in the email and asked us to fund the LC Bates museum for the location on site for \$100. It's a six week program that allows classes to have 30 minute lessons and 15 minute stations and ties into the science program. They bring in artifacts and hands on learning. The motion was made by Garret Glidden and seconded by Amy Poulin. It passed unanimously to fund the program.
- 6.) **Induction of New Officers:** Diane Pierce is volunteering to step down. Amy Harrington was voted in as the new president. Rachel Carpenter was voted unanimously to stay VP. Amy Poulin was voted unanimously to stay treasurer; this will be her last year. It is recommended that we groom someone for her position. Mindy Hughes was voted in unanimously for the secretary position. Amy Harrington will work with her on her new position.

### PTO Events:

1. **Trick or Trunk:** Chairs- Janette & Garret Glidden. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Boy Scouts sell Hot Dogs. Parents/Teaches park and decorate a trunk and pass out candy. People who decorate trunks are required to be there from the start to the end of the program event - they are not allowed to leave for safety purposes. In the past we have had haunted busses and students are allowed to walk through. After last year the buses have decided not to come back, they are not happy with students being sent home, if still in line, when the event has ended. Mr. Wedge will look into that situation.
2. **Craft fair:** Chair - Rachel Carpenter. We rent 85 table spaces, have a white elephant room, silent auction, a raffle and a bake sale. All for profit. We asked the community for donations for our silent auction. Scheduled for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The H.S. plans to have theirs the same day- it will help attract customers to the area. A request for tables from the district has been made.
3. **Father daughter dance:** Chair- Kim Niles. March 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed. Photo booth and picture options. More to come.
4. **Mother son event:** Chair- Diane Pierce. March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will try to tubbing again this year.
5. **End-of-the-year BBQ/Family Fun Celebration:** Chair- Amy Harrington and Amy Poulin. Scheduled for March May 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year family fun night was canceled due to lack of volunteers. It was scheduled for February, we are hoping that by putting it at the end of the year we will have more volunteers to help us make this a great end-of-the-year event

**Questions/Comments:** Garret Glidden brought up a PTO conference they had looked at years ago. He suggested that new officer should attend. It's a PTO expo that is held in March or April it talks about funding, vendors, how do attract volunteers etc. We will discuss which officer should attend. We subscribe to PTO today.

Our next meeting will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We adjourned at 7:26 PM