

PTO Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2015  
19 people in attendance

Meeting started at 6:45 p.m.

### **Kindergarten Team Presentation**

The team thanked the PTO for all of the items purchase with grants: wiggle seats, nonfiction books, RAZ-kids.

The kindergarten kids are looking forward to going to plays in January.

They are currently reading gingerbread stories and talking about holidays in different cultures. They're going to use the Makers Space to build bridges for their gingerbread men to stay dry.

Someone asked how many kids are in each classroom. The answer is 22 kids.

### **Library**

- Lisa Tegels thanked the PTO for all they do—the cookie walk, grants, makers space, dinners, etc.
- Kids will be coding Sphero robots.
- Hour of Coding is this week. Code.org.

### **Lisa Crotts---PBIS**

The kids are participating in an Iditarod with four checkpoints.

They will have a celebration with snack mix and hot chocolate. We likely have donations coming in to help, but will do a sign up genius if necessary to ask for donations of needed items from parents.

### **Mr. Johnson--Physical Education Week**

Mr. Johnson reminded us that it's never too late to start planning for Field Day. We're always looking for volunteers.

Jackie Johnson asked about having a two signups: one for the actual date, and another for a rain date. This topic is open to conversation. There are pros and cons to doing it and this is a big question every year.

Mr. Johnson says the kids love the bounce houses the PTO funds for Field Day. He said that bounce house reservations could be problematic with planning a rain date. That being said, Mr. Johnson said he is fine with holding Field Day in the rain if the parents don't care. He encouraged parents to email him with suggestions.

Lori Waterbeck asked a question about Hour of Coding. Lisa Tegels said we have done coding in the past but this is the first year that our students will participate in Hour of Coding.

### **Presidents Report**

Jackie Johnson asked that newsletter entries be sent to wallaceptopres@yahoo.com.

She also mentioned that we still have four committee binders that are empty: Theme Day, Field Day, Box Tops, and the Spring Fundraiser

The Academic Night binder has gone home with someone, but we do not have a committee head on that group. Jackie said we can do nocturnal night at SCI at a cost of \$5 per child. We must have 100 kids participating to set it up. We need easy options since we don't have a volunteer for to coordinate. The SCI night would be over our \$500 budget, but we could subsidize and families could pay \$3, for example. SCI needs approximately three weeks notice to set this up.

If anyone wants to volunteer to do a bigger project, Jackie is open to it. If she has to run it, simpler would be better as she is currently volunteering for several school projects.

Mrs. Pearson said we could use a Kids in Culture Grant (\$1,200) and maybe the PTO could pay for a bus to take some kids/families down if they don't have transportation to SCI.

February is a good month to hold Academic Night because it's before a lot of sports begin and kids are excited to get out and about. Jackie wants to check into a weather cancellation policy.

Someone suggested that offering a pizza dinner that night may draw more people, but that could use up our budget quickly. SCI may object too because of conflicts with their onsite cafe.

### **Principal's Report**

Mrs. Pearson thanked the PTO for everything they provide. Teachers have a wish list and are wondering how to go about asking for funding. They'd like a 3D printer and coordinating materials. Approximately \$1,500+ in plastics go into a 3D printer. The printer would be kept in media center or makers space.

Staci Randall said the teachers need to get the amount needed together ahead of time so we can see how to allocate and that money required is within our limits. (Last spring's "a thon" was meant to fund the makers space.)

### **Secretary's Report**

Kristy Hoelscher presented November's meeting minutes for approval. Jen Christy asked that we adjust the Wallace Wear section to remove her name and replace with Jenny Meyer. Staci Randall motioned to approve the notes, Lori Waterbeck seconded.

Novembers meeting minutes were approved, with the one edit made.

Lori Waterbeck asked if minutes could be attached to meeting agenda. In the future, we'll do this when possible.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Staci Randall reviewed the financial report. Teacher grants went over by \$92.75.

Jackie Johnson reminded us that we decided to approve the financial report on a monthly basis.

Lindsay Robertson motioned and Tammy ??? seconded.

### **New Business**

Teacher gifts are \$50 gifts for 32 staff members. We will give checks for them to use in their classrooms. Unused money will go to Lisa Tegels for technology, etc. for the library.

### **Committee Reports**

Hospitality—Kelly McAllister

The cookie walk was today. We had a great number of volunteers. Leftover cookies go to bus barn.

Book Fair—Rena Barker

The fall fair was our best ever. More than \$9k was raised and core teachers get \$302.85 to spend.

Scrip—Lori Waterbeck

The fall order placed and the cards are in. Our profit was \$475.73. Cards are going home on Friday. We will do another order before end of the school year.

Boxtops—Lori Waterbeck

Last batch of Boxtops raised \$928.24.

Home Room Parent—Lindsay Robertson

The classroom directories are ready.

### **Open Forum**

Lori Waterbeck asked about updates on new building. Mrs. Pearson said we don't have any new information. She's hoping we'll have information to share at the January meeting.

Mr. Johnson said he talked to Mr. Todd about doing a video yearbook. Jackie Johnson mentioned maybe doing it for 5th grade memory books. Everyone agreed it was an interesting possibility to discuss further.

Lori Waterbeck said second skating party is planned possibly on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Jackie Johnson was going to double-check with Lori Hoffman so it can go in the newsletter.

Renaë Barker motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lindsay Robertson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.