

November 15, 2011 PTO Meeting

Present: Allison Osterloo, Charles & Dani Epe, Becky Pagone, Jeanne Jackson, Colleen Werner, Kristi Egland, Shelly Horr, Staci Wolff, Melisa Marso, Stephanie Fischer, Nicole Osmundson, Michelle Heath and Cynthia Mickelson

Donations/Fundraising

\$6,949 received to date for Technology Tree project. 9 teachers responded for first round of Smart Cameras, which were purchased. Awaiting arrival. Fundraising committee recommends that all additional money raised by the PTO go to complete purchase of Smart Cameras and iPod touch technology. Motion to approve Alison, second Jeanne Jackson, motion approved.

Tree was updated to include apples with smart cameras on it.

Minutes

September minutes were reviewed. Reminder given that minutes are located on PTO website. Motion to approve Jeanne Jackson, seconded by Kristi Egland, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$2,800 Pizza Bingo up about \$800 from last year.

\$430 made on hot dog meals (Lori Dickerson)

Party fund went over well and were only short 30 students for the \$5 donation.

Spirit Wear is in debt, but will be recouped

Kristi Egland approved, second by Jeanne Jackson, report approved.

Teacher's Report

Mrs. Petersen reported how she is using the iPods Touch technology in her classroom. She is using audio books and different apps for reading and math. The stick pick app allows students to choose a level so it is very individualized. She explained several other apps including Sticky note, apps to help with fluency, and how she uses the iPods for morning messages. Her class is doing a slide show on their iPods, as well as a book club with questions that they use. There is now wireless internet within the school so this will help to improve usage of the iPods. The School District helps with the maintenance and repair of these electronics since become property of the school. Training will continue through Lowell and Kirsten our instructional coach.

Promotions

Reminder given about using promotions, especially during holidays.

Milk caps money around \$100

Box tops are looking good, on target for projected returns.

Old Business

To do bucket- alert now went out for this. In the work room blue bucket labeled "to do bucket" and we can stop in at any time to complete.

Literacy: Ann Smith library coordinator is working with us on how to revamp our literacy groups. Will train the parent volunteers and then can move forward and starting the 1st of

the year. Notification will be given to parents through Alert Now and the newsletter. Parents will work with students who are excelling in reading. This project has been created due to loss of the reading recovery program. Allison Osterloo will oversee this project.

Spirit Gear: Order forms will be going out before Christmas.

Assemblies: Magician and YoJo scheduled January and April.

Pizza Bingo: Huge success. Keep it in the fall. Stacy Wolff suggested a carnival in the spring. She will come up with recommendation for next meeting and PTO will decide if to proceed. If interested talk to Stacy Wolff.

Book Fair: Becky Pagone reported gross sales just over \$6,000 with scholastic \$3,480.18 dollars (what we receive in scholastic money to be used for scholastic purchases.) PTO gave \$50 to each teacher, \$600 to library. Have about \$1,400 left over in scholastic dollars. In addition, we have an additional balance. Therefore, next sale we will take the cash instead of scholastic dollars, estimating around \$1,000 in cash.

New Business

Assignment Notebooks: Purchased these again for \$500+ for entire school to lock in same price as last year. PTO budgets the purchase of these for grades 3,4 and 5

Mindcore: Allison O. will chair Mindcore on Jan 13th. We are running it on our own this year. Information will be sent home in time for Christmas vacation. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event.. Incentive ideas were discussed in order to make this event successful.

Principal's Report

93% attendance rate at our conference, maybe closer to 97% once all said and done.

Mrs. Davids resigned- someone will be hired to finish out the year- a long term sub is there now. Great energy reduction school district wide. \$3,100,000++ New boiler's have been placed in RF so will probably see even more improvement. 13% savings at Robert Frost (ranked 30th out of 36th schools).

Infinite Campus 3rd through 5th grade posts grades.

Olweus bully prevention program is being implemented district wide. January 6 will be a kick off at Robert Frost.

Upcoming Events

See Agenda

Kristi E. motion to adjourn, Jeanne Jackson 2nd , adjourned.

Next PTO meeting January 24th, 6:30 pm Robert Frost Library

Cynthia Mickelson, Secretary