

May PTO Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 6th, 2014

In attendance

Michelle Heath- President
Tracee Beck – Vice President
Laurie Stadheim – Treasurer
Mali Teller – Secretary

Shelley Bitz, Diana Dooley, Tammy Hartmann, Tami Burkard, Ellen Haugrud, Holly Hofer, Colleen Stavig, Sam Scofield, Marcus Helland, Ariaahna Wells, Kathay Johansen, Hannah Judd, Kyle Judd, Darci Judd, Jessica Wells, Kristen Haggar, Lori Helland, Melisa Marso, Jane Naro, Kristy Dillon.

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of March meeting minutes
 - a. Motioned by Tammy Hartman
 - b. 2nd by Jane Naro
3. Buddy Bench presentation – Mrs. Johansen (3rd grade sub) & 4 students
 - a. Students presented what a buddy bench is and why it would be a good addition to the playground.
 - b. They circulated a petition and collected 436 signatures in favor of having a buddy bench
 - c. Cost is around \$1200 and they would like a blue bench near the playground equipment.
4. Book Room presentation – Ellen Haugrud, Colleen Stavig & Holly Hofer
 - a. PTO gives \$2000/year to maintain the school's Book Room.
 - b. 2013-2014, 7000 books were added and that included classroom book sets
 - c. New titles are always added using the PTO funds & RF building funds
 - d. With the stock of books, there were 2500+ more checkouts this year than last!
5. 2014-2015 New Officer Vote
 - a. President – Tracee Beck, Vice President – Kristy Dillon, Treasurer – Laurie Stadheim, Secretary – Mali Teller
 - b. Motioned by Becky Pagone,
 - c. 2nd by Melisa Marso
 - d. Many chairpersons are needed for events for 2014-2015. Contact one of the above officers if interested.
6. Rewards & Promotions – Tracee Beck
 - a. Just received a check in the amount of \$1100 for March Box Top submission
 - b. Discussed Loaves for Learning collection (collect the bar code at the back of bread bags), Taco John's (25 cents for every kids meal when itemized receipt is turned in), Kellogg's (keep code from Kellogg package and enter it online for a cash redemption directly to RFE)
7. Science Fair – Michelle Heath for Kristy Eglund
 - a. 51 students
 - b. 13 judges
 - c. Sanford & Fischer Labs sponsored prizes for the event
 - d. Promise Lab field trip was attended by 24 students. Winners of the science fair & some 4th & 5th graders were selected to attend
 - e. RFE sent 4 posters to the All City Science Fair held at the Washington Pavilion May 2nd
8. Quiz Bowl – Tracee Beck & Michelle Heath

- a. Raised \$11,095! \$1000 MORE than was pledged
 - b. Parties will be held for the classrooms who raised the most \$, best class average of participation and score.
- 9. Art Show & Ice Cream social – Michelle Heath for Dani Eppe
 - a. Clips were purchased to hang artwork in the hallway
 - b. Donations from the cakewalk (\$181) & All for One books (\$520) went to Hawthorne. 16 boxes of donated books also was collected.
- 10. Book Fair – Becky Pagone
 - a. Earned \$5000 in scholastic dollars to purchase books & library equipment for our library
- 11. Pastries for Parents – Shelley Bitz, Diana Dooley, Jane Naro
 - a. Well attended event this year with about 400 attendees.
 - b. Confusion from some parents about whether or not students could accompany parents. Maybe change the name of the event for next year?
 - c. Leftover food was used for field day later in the day
 - d. New chairperson(s) needed for 2014-2015
- 12. Fabulous Field Day – Michelle Heath
 - a. Went well
 - b. About 50 volunteers for the day
 - c. Discussion about a superhero theme for next year (volunteers to wear capes)
- 13. Teacher Appreciation Week – Melisa Marso
 - a. Events to celebrate both teachers & staff all week.
 - b. New chairperson(s) needed for 2014-2015
- 14. Treasurer Report – Laurie Stadheim
 - a. Discussion of new line items for the year
 - b. Waiting for end of the year expenses to come in
 - c. Few items get paid at the beginning of next school year
 - d. Once money is set aside to pay the beginning of the year items and this year's expenses and carryover amount, we have just under \$12,000 to spend on teacher wish list items.
 - e. Motion by Jane Naro to approve Treasurer Report, 2nd by Tammy Harmann
- 15. Teacher wish lists/allocation of funds – all
 - a. Discussion of items on wish list.
 - b. Items PTO will be purchasing:
 - Buddy Bench \$1400
 - Physical Education request of scooters & court nets \$2204
 - Brain Pop 3 membership to cover all grades, English & Spanish, \$1200
 - Lounge chairs for the library \$500
 - Keyboards for iPad for staff requesting \$1800 maximum
 - Student Teacher Assistance Team \$550
 - Additional miscellaneous items \$4000 maximum

Total spent \$11,650.00

Meeting adjournment motion by Becky Pagone, 2nd by Kristy Dillon.