

PTO Meeting Minutes September 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Melanie Oprita at 7:04pm.

Attendance

Staff: Mrs. Comps, Mrs. Kassab, Mrs. Papastamatis

Parents: Melanie Oprita, Beth VanSteenkiste, Lee Ann Girard, Peggy Essenmacher, Dave Sutter, Daniah Mohammed Ali, Giovanni Briggs, Renee Borgers, Nicole Pellerito, Chris Girard, Amanda John, Malcolm Pinkerion, Gabriel Razoky, Jenna Grab, Stefanie Vinton, Amy Jackson, Amy Pulford

PEP Secretary

Lee Ann Girard voted in as PEP secretary

Treasurer's Report-Beth VanSteenkiste

- Cash Balance \$16,629.48
- Reported budget for the 2014-2015 year and was approved
- Dawn Kassab asked to use service and safety squad year-end budget for party towards purchasing new badges and necessary supplies and was approved
- Checks returned due to NSF will be subjected to \$25 fine was approved
- DAV Bin gives \$30 per full bin was reduced from last year's \$50 per full bin
- Market Day for September Profited \$93.53
- Mabel's Labels profiting \$47 of our \$500 goal. Extending deadline to October 31st approved.

Restaurant Nights – Peggy Essenmacher

- Sonic Restaurant night in May of 2014 was a success profit was \$50
- Orange Leaf Restaurant Night in June of 2014 was unsuccessful not enough turnout to make a profit
- Suggestion was made to create an Event on Facebook for each restaurant night
- September 22nd will be Fuddrucker's all day. We must have \$500 in sales or we receive no profit. It was noted that we have met that sales mark for all past years
- October is predicted to be Panera – date TBD
- Early November is predicted to be Big Boys
- Suggestions for other restaurant nights were Red Robin and Menchies

Old Business – Melanie Oprita

Flower Sale- Flowers have yet to be paid. Several attempts were made to make payment with a check, but the company has not yet responded to the messages left. After several tries it was decided to wait until they contact us for payment.

Muffins with Mom- Went good

Donuts with Dad- Went good

Field Day-Went good. Comments were made on how the individual grade t-shirts were a good touch. Mrs. Papastamatis said plans were to do them again, with a different theme.

Welcome Back Luau – Went good. Thanks were expressed to the teacher, parent, and student volunteers. Also discussed how we had Kohl's Associates in Action volunteers at the event, 5 associates signed up to give 3 hours of time and we profit \$500 in the form of a grant check. Hoping to use them for the Santa Shop on the first day with younger students.

On-Going Business

- Restaurant Nights- Coordinated by Peggy Essenmacher, Thanks. This month Fuddrucker's is on September 22nd
- Market Day- Coordinated by Amanda Zaharof, Thanks. Next month orders are due Oct. 2nd, pick-up on October 8th. The more cookie dough sold the more money we receive. Also in October, for every baby baked potato purchase, Market Day will donate to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Box Tops- Coordinated by Beth VanSteenkiste and Lee Ann Girard, Thanks. Majority choose to do tiered incentives for box top collecting contest and approved using PEP hall display for Box Top display
- Labels for Education- Coordinated by Jessica Gekiere, Thanks
- Suggestion to have Remind 101 to use to keep parents up to date on events

New Business

Morley Fundraiser Kickoff on Monday, September 22nd

Wreath Sale- Denied need for Wreath Sales in November

Bagel Day Sale- Food regulations prohibit us from selling bagels in school. Unless they can meet food requirements we will not be selling them this year

Event Coordinator for Halloween and Spaghetti Dinner- Co-Chaired by Giovanna Briggs, Jenna Grab, and Amy Jackson. Thanks

Spaghetti Dinner – Suggestion was made to have a parent volunteer to help wrap the baskets for the class and to be responsible for the purchase of baskets or provide alternative container for basket. Cellophane will be provided for teachers.

Teacher's Report- Mrs. Comps

- Thank you for the welcome back lunch
- Raz-Kids was going to be asked for but is already approved due to being in the budget

Principal's Report- Mrs. Papastamatis

- Thanks for Raz-Kids
- School wide behavior has received positive feedback
- Due to all the allergies it is decided by staff to have non-food birthday treats

Save the Dates

September 22– Fuddrucker's Restaurant night--- bring flier

September 22- Morley Fundraiser Kick off goes until Monday, October 6th

October 1 –PEP Meeting at 3:30pm

October 31—Mabel's Labels fundraiser ends

Open discussion:

Mrs. Comps asked for the entire 1st grade to be provided with Scholastic news/weekly reader costing approximately \$350. It was voted on and approved

Suggestion was made to supply more recess equipment and it was agreed that Labels for Education points can be used for those

Suggestion was made to look into grants for getting better playground equipment, looking for someone willing to apply for grants

Suggestion was made to have pictures of all teachers and all teachers email addresses. Mrs. Papastamatis stated she is working on preparing on a website with Mrs. Pacifico's help

Question was asked about the no birthday treat rule and who decided on it. Mrs. Papastamatis stated that it was decided by the staff that the no birthday treat rule is what is safest for all students and that they are still very much given special attention on their birthdays.

Next Meeting October 1, 2014, at 3:30p.m.,

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.