

## PTA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 7 @12:45 pm

Attendees: Nadia Moysey, Christina Davis, Kelly Boland, Wendy Cawood, Amy Wolin, Jill Kiss, Pam Warren, Claiborne Linvill, Julie Simoneaux

1. Nadia Moysey made a motion to approve minutes from the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Amy Wolin seconded the motion. All members voted and approved the minutes.
2. The financials were reviewed.
  - Budget - we are hitting our targets for fundraising
  - Art by Me – the money shown on the budget sheet is what was taken in by parents
  - Teacher Appreciation. We have received some donations. We have extra money. \$627 to work with.
3. Update on volunteer needs
  - Website – volunteer has been found. Nadia to transition that information.
  - Restaurant Night Coordinator – this position is still vacant. Ms. Cawood passed along a name of a grandparent that might be interested. Nadia to contact him.
4. Restaurant Night Schedule
  - November 8 – McTeacher Night. Nadia to post on FB, signs to go up and stickers going out tomorrow.
  - December 1-2 – Jersey Mikes weekend
  - April 6-7 – Jersey Mikes weekend
  - Looking to fill in gaps with additional locations.
    - Columbos gives highest percentage.
    - Discussion was had about what businesses have worked in the past.
    - Five Guys, Mellow Mushroom, Your Pie – all recommendations.
    - TCBY/Spill the Beans – casual Sundays.
5. Volunteer Coordinator – Kelly Boland
  - Communication list with room parents and teachers established (all teachers but 7 have room parent. Kelly is sending directly to teachers that don't have a room parent. Kelly to send room parents updates.
  - Boxtop updates – a deadline for box tops is end of November. Each child in grades 1-5 who sent in box tops will get a coupon to receive a spirit stick. Children in Kinder will receive a prize in lieu of a spirit stick.
6. Buddy Bench Event Update –
  - Friday, Feb. 8. Bring a buddy to bingo night. Attempting to solicit prizes from local businesses.
  - Plan is to sell hot dogs. There will be a set price for bingo cards & meal.

- Want to sell spirit stick at the event that coordinate with the anti-bullying/buddy bench them.
- The budget is \$1,300. The plan is to acquire a bench and display it during the event.
- Jill Shelnut will present an in-school presentation.
- Concerns were raised about only offering hot dogs.

#### 7. Teacher Appreciation Updates

- Breakfast went well.
- Amy talked with Teacher Appreciation coordinators, and they are still working on their plan at this time for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Amy informed the group that the soups were a hit last year.
- Questions were asked about what is happening to appreciation our teachers during the holidays.
- Jamie has something planned every month.
- Trying to find corporate sponsors to incorporate into monthly recognition.
- Kelly Boland to contact room parents regarding holiday classroom giving.

#### 8. Spirit Stick Fundraiser Updates

- Amy to contact the business we are ordering the spirit sticks from to find out the status of the custom order. Once they arrive, Amy will need help assembling.
- Tentative date – Friday, November 16 for the first spirit stick sale.
- Coupons for box tops going out before the initial sale. We will set up and be ready to go at 7:15. Amy and Pam to meet to get change before the sale. Amy to let Mrs. Craddock know that we are planning our first sale.

#### 9. Art By Me Fundraising Update

- 7764 sold. 214 orders. We get about 30%, \$2300 profit.
- They are still taking orders. Those orders might not be received by Christmas. Nadia to post on FB for last push for orders.

#### 10. International Festival/Art Show date

- Proposed date of March 9, 2019.
- Claiborne to get budget from Becky Turner
- Plan is to have International Parade, activities, food tables and art show.
- The Festival will be split up and will be run between 3 volunteers.
- Need help with handling money. A Board member or treasurer will assist with money.
- Planning to begin in January.

#### 11. PTA Literacy Night Involvement

- The theme this year will be pirate
- Event to take place on November 15 (Thursday).
- Amy will represent the PTA and will print up a Pirate Mad Libs blown up poster size. Mad Libs also printed to take home.

- The activities will all be in the cafeteria.

12. Teacher Mini-Grants update

- 7 applications received. One of these was not funded because the teacher was not a member of the PTA. These are the \$50 mini grant.
- Nadia to send information to Julie Simoneaux again for another distribution to teachers. Open until November 30<sup>th</sup>

13. Teacher Grants

- Need to be released to teachers.
- These are \$250 grants, and they are ready to go.

14. Nadia brought up a PTA morning play idea. Could kids play outside in the morning? A PTA play morning maybe once a month? Must be volunteer trained/background checked. Discussion was entertained about how this could/would this even work. Some of the discussion included that there needs to be a 30:1 teacher/student ratio and the fact that there is a large number of students here at 7:15. We need to consider safety measures for a manageable number.

15. Julie Simoneaux was talking to Jennifer Partridge who is the owner of McDonalds. She is excited about McTeacher Night. At McTeacher night teachers sell cookies. All sales come back to the school. The cookie money is typically lumped in with this money. What if cookie money was split in half, and half of the cookie money was set aside for a teacher. Maybe we could have a raffle for teachers who volunteer during the evening. Would be a nice reward for the teachers who actually volunteer. All PTA members agreed this is a great idea. Julie to handle the drawing of the name of the teacher.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at 12:45 p.m.