

June 5th 2017 PTO meeting minutes

attendance: Vickie Robertson, Barbara Szparkowski, Sherry Rice, Matt Correia, Natalie Hammond, Stacey Denardo, Elijah Clapp, Melissa Urranaga, Jen Degrandi, Amy Dempsey, Stefanie Gagnon, Christine Calabrese, Chrissy Caliandri, Christine Vale de Serra, Erin Kelly, Susan Burghoff

welcome/call to order: Vickie Robertson 6:34

Old Minutes: May Minutes reviewed, no changes noted

New Business:

Staff representative- Mr. Clapp

Technology presentation, reading and research with different grade levels on the information online and working especially with the older grades in being responsible and verify accuracy. The grade 2 students are creating their own books and doing voice over as well. They were able to share this through seesaw app. Kids are using the computer as a source of information to then write down their research and turning that into reports.

Coding- Blockly developed out of MIT and 5th graders are doing writing in HTML, Dash and Dot robots are being used especially for teaching logic and reading directions. Beebots and Probots for older kids work with geometry and the paths they are drawing.

Osmo- for the younger kids. The software would allow you to use tools and the Osmo "reads" what the child manipulates. Looking at using these at literacy and math stations in the teachers classroom until the kids were able to take off on their own Mr. Clapp would support this addition to the curriculum. The students and teachers can track their progress with Osmo as well.

Osmo uses the ipads and then the accessories for Osmo need to be purchased.

The school has 3 currently and looking for 6 more. Cost would be \$900 total. A motion was made to purchase the Osmo supplies and this was approved.

Principal Update: Dr. Correia- Thank you to everyone for supporting the kids. Volunteer breakfast Wednesday. Field day: possible field day next Tuesday, if upbeat can't do it, maybe some parents would volunteer? Summer reading will be on your own, students will receive books to encourage reading over the summer.

Staff Changes were discussed at the meeting including several teachers moving grade levels, elimination of 2 classes and 1 retiring teacher, hiring for an additional 4th grade teacher and a school nurse position.

Secretary report: Thank you notes were read aloud from staff appreciation week. Fundraising for next year was presented and asked for volunteers over the summer to try to get more assistance for the fundraising. Sherry Rice volunteered to head up spirit wear for the next school year.

Treasurer's report: Joe Miller's report was presented and explained that green is incoming and red is outgoing.

Budget- presented for the next school year by Vickie and Katie. The changes to the proposed budget were presented. Vickie also brought up the curtains in the auditorium and proposed that

we replace the curtains. The curtains cost about \$8000 to replace the curtains. Vickie proposed that we replace the curtains with the money from the 2016-2017 budget since the budget came in below the projected expensed for the school year. A motion was made to replace the curtains and seconded. All in the room were in favor. Dr. Correia said he would clean them every other year from his budget. The motion to replace the curtains was passed and Vickie will speak with the board of the ed to get them purchased and installed. A motion was made to pass the budget and it passed as presented for the 2017-2018 year.

Committee Updates:

Cub Scouts- Melissa Urranaga. The cub scouts went to Sloper camp out and it went well. Crossover went well. 15 boy scouts are going to summer camp and will contact admin to start recruiting in the fall.

Membership: Stacey Denardo. Total for the year 46 staff, 44 full time and 2 part time. 73 families and took in total combine \$1402. Unfundraiser brought in 33 families and 13 free PTO memberships and \$2065. That was up \$200 from last year.

Box Tops: Sherry Rice. Final collection of the year. Collection ended on 5/12. Whatever comes now will not count for this year. 7400 approximately collected for \$740. Labels for education disbanded but they will take them if they have a point value on them. Sherry had a lot sent in and will send them in for points and product

Fundraising:

NB Bees- Stefanie Gagnon-Friday 6/9 Tickets came home today. Sold 121 tickets, if it rains they will announce a rain date. 5th grade could sing on that rain date. Ticket booth inside to meet with Ms. Gemmel @ 6 to sing.

Stop and Shop-check coming in end of this month

5th Grade Committee: Jaymee Miller & Dawn Allen- yearbooks are in. Party planning is underway, having it on-site on 6/15 and doing a minute to win it activities, inflatable obstacle course, food, ice cream. Bill Petit directly discusses with Eva at board of Ed for insurance for inflatable obstacle course. There will be a permission slip for that.

Upcoming:

June 6th- field day cancelled

June 7th- Volunteer Breakfast

June 9th- NB Bees Baseball - 5th grade performing in the bees game

5th grade wax museum is on the 9th as well

June 15th- 5th grade year end celebration

June 16th - Last day of school

Next PTO meeting: September - See you next year!

Meeting adjourned: 7:51