

PTO meeting minutes April 3rd 2017

In attendance: Brian Benigni, Vickie Robertson, Joe Miller, Jaymee Miller, Jack Rudy, Amy Dempsey, Jen Degrandi, Melissa Urranaga, Erin Kelly, Natalie Hammond, Matt Correia, Christine Val De Serra, Deb Thibeau, Stacey Denardo, Christa Alkas, Stefanie Gagnon, Stephanie Dimauro, Ms. Therriault, Ms Pessavento, Mike Kulak, Katie Niemiec

Call to Order: Vickie Robertson 6:34

Old Business: March minutes, no changes

K orientation: April 5th

Internet safety parent night. The other 2 schools were interested but Vickie feels that the Willard PTO can pay for the program and invite all the parents. Vickie looked into a 90 minute presentation called empowering smart online choices. We will look to have it at Mcgee or High school auditorium. We will work to set up a date for the presentation. The motion passed.

New Business;

Staff representatives- 5th grade. The 5th grade does a wax museum at the end of the year and it's a culmination of their social studies for the entire year. The 5th grade is asking for some costumes to supplement the period costumes. The motion passed to order the costumes.

Curriculum update- Brian Benigni. Mr. Benigni discussed the curriculum and standards and indicated that it is up to date, it is updated yearly and it available on line if you look on the Berlin website and go to "atlas". Common social studies curriculum were not standard previously. This has been standardized this year and some non standard items were removed. Mr. Benigni indicated that within the curriculum there are state standards and framework. He also indicated that with the current curriculum there could be opportunities to do culminating projects within the context of the subject and this will evolve more as the curriculum becomes more comfortable.

Upbeat- Jack Rudy. Upbeat Picnic is May 25th @ 5 pm. Bullying lesson was part of grant writing this year and the kids put together a presentation for younger grade kids. May 26th will be field day and working on getting upbeat. Rain date will be June 9th.

Principal Update- Thank you for supporting the book fair. Chinese acrobat presentation was fantastic and thank you for supporting that. Thank you in advance for K orientation.

Treasurer's report- Joe Miller, book fair income was \$5800 and playground equipment was purchased this month. Balls, cones and other recreational items. Charming Charlie money came in.

Committee Updates-

Cub scouts update- mystic overnight this weekend. Can drive was a huge success. Space derby similar to pine wood derby. Next meeting is last monday of the month April 24th.

Membership- 1 staff member joined this month. Teachers have until May 22nd to submit their reimbursement. Matt will remind all teachers to turn in their receipts.

Box Tops- next collection ends May 5th

Fundraising

Spring fundraiser- pick up is from 3:25 up until 7.

Bills Night- next Bills night is 4/11

Carnival- May 5th, upbeat paper work is submitted. Sign up genius will be going out this week.

NB Bees- June 9th, 5th grade is singing the national anthem.

Stop and Shop/Price Chopper- Almost \$6000 for the year from stop and shop. This was less than last year but still a great amount. Price Chopper has 14470 points and 75 registered cards. The price chopper money will go to art supplies.

Spirit Wear- spirit wear was delayed this year but has arrived and gone out. Fit to a tee is local and recommended by Jack Rudy

5th Grade Committee: Jaymee Miller & Dawn Allen

Yearbook- Rebecca Spencer

Yearbook is underway, please send in 5th grade pictures. Hoping to wrap that up by beginning of may. End of year party on 6/15.

Upcoming Events:

April 5 K orientation 5:45-7, fundraiser pick up 3:25-7

May 5 Spring carnival

May 1-5 Staff Appreciation

May 9 K welcome 4-7

May 11 K welcome 4-6

June 9 NB bees game- 5th grade performing

June 15th is the 5th grade party

PTO adjourned 8:30

Next meeting May 1st

