

## **Prairie Lane PTO Meeting March 17, 2016**

In Attendance: Dina Beal, Courtney Breit, Crystal Mahon, Jessica Winnie, Beth Smith, Mary Roach, Kim Hailer, Carrie McDonald, Kirstin Glinski, Jenny Hermes, Mel Modica, Megan Calhoun, Jen Rothove, Beth Olson.

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00 PM by Mel Modica, President, Prairie Lane PTO

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President's Report – Mel Modica:**

- Call to order at 7:00 PM
- Nothing to report

#### **Vice President's Report – Jen Rothove:**

- Nothing to report

#### **Secretary's Report – Beth Olson:**

- Asked everyone to review the minutes from our last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Crystal Mahon; seconded by Jessica Winnie.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Megan Calhoun**

- Copies of the financial report were distributed.
- Megan explained that although it looks like we have a lot of money we have a lot of expenditures coming up towards the end of the year, including Track and Field day, Fifth Grade activities, Teacher Grants and then what remains will be set aside to go towards our new playground equipment.
- Our one Family Fun event remaining for the year is not run as a fundraiser, so no additional income will be coming in. Motion to approve the financials: Crystal Mahon; seconded by Beth Smith.

#### **Principal's Report:**

- Nothing to report – Mrs. Schroeder is ill today.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Spirit Day – Megan Calhoun:** There are two Spirit Days left for the school year. We will have popcorn in April and popsicles in May. Overall this year, we've done well with Spirit Days; the variety has helped – we will stay with rotating the options next year, as we think the kids enjoyed it.

### **Family Fun Nights – Megan Calhoun:**

- Lego Movie was in February and the kids liked it; was a good evening.
- Alpaca Pottery Night – coming up on April 12. Our deadline to order is March 21. We extended the end time (now ending at 8:30 pm) in order to accommodate families that are going to Orchestra and Band concert. The concert will be only about 30 minutes and families who would like to participate in Alpaca Art event should have enough time to paint.

### **Teacher Appreciation – Mel Modica**

- We had to find a replacement chair for Teacher Appreciation week as Jacquie Bridgeman got a full-time job. We would like to thank Crystal Mahon and Jessica Hedrington who both have volunteered to take over the responsibility of chairing this event. Beth Smith also volunteered to help out.
- Courtney Breit mentioned that Noodles & Co. has offered to donate a meal that could be used for Teacher Appreciation.

### **Sock Hop – Jenny Hermes**

- We had 80 kids come; everyone had a great time.
- Mel Modica thanked Jenny and Kari Ray for all of their work putting together such a great event!

## **Old Business**

### **Teacher Luncheon – Mel Modica**

- The Teacher Luncheon during conferences was successful.
- We had a lot of families who donated food – we had a good amount of food.
- We sent out a survey to get feedback from the teachers, like we did last time as well. We received excellent feedback on the luncheon; the teachers loved the food and the variety.
- Thank you to everyone for pitching in -- we were very happy with the participation.

### **Breakfast with the Bunny – Mel Modica**

- This event was cancelled because we didn't have enough volunteers, Applebee's was going to cook the food, parents to serve and high school kids to bus tables.
- The group discussed the feasibility of doing an event like this; it was asked whether the group thought that this event could be successful at Prairie Lane.

- It was recommended that perhaps in the future, could the event be done at school? Megan said that the Fifth Graders tried to do a pancake breakfast at the school last year, but that they did not have a good turn out and ended up losing money on the event. Applebee's offers the pre-sale tickets and we have a cap on the number of tickets we sell. They cook all of the food, so we don't have to worry about the waste.
- It was agreed that we should revisit the event again next year, but perhaps just do a pancake breakfast and not tie it to a holiday, as those times of the year are often difficult for families to plan around.

#### **"Soup"er Bowl – Megan Calhoun**

- Prairie Lane students collected 1,700 items, 8 barrels of food.
- Shalom Center was very pleased with the amount of food donated. They said that they don't get any school that donates to the point that we donate.
- We do this event every year.
- Mrs. Tobalsky's class won again this year with 239 items donated!

#### **School Supply Boxes – Beth Olson**

- After last meeting with signed the contract with EPI (Educational Products, Inc.) and contacted KUSD to confirm that the 2015-16 list would remain the same.
- KUSD said that this year, the list needed to be reviewed
- The list is currently in the approval stages, as one item (earbuds) was added to the list
- Beth will follow up with Cindy from KUSD to confirm whether the list has or hasn't been approved
- Once a final list is available, we can finalize the pricing and start the sale.

#### **PTO Board Positions – Mel Modica**

- We have two Board Positions open for the 2016-17 School Year – will be for a two-year term.
- The Vice President and Treasurer positions will be available.
- A form will be sent home after Spring Break to notify parents/guardians of the open positions.
- If more than one person vies for the positions, then an election will be held.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Teacher Grants – Jen Rothove and Megan Calhoun**

- We are doing Teacher Grants for the first time this year.
- Mrs. Schroeder and the teachers are very excited.
- Jen explained that they did this at Prairie Lane Elementary (PPE), and the teachers submitted a grant by (house) grade.

- Applications for the grants are due by next Wednesday.
- There will be a special meeting on April 13, where presentations will be made to discuss their specific needs.
- Whoever is in attendance at the meeting with then vote to decide who is awarded the grants.
- We have about \$3,000 in funds to distribute.
- We have one application so far.

#### **Walk A Thon – Mel Modica and Megan Calhoun**

- The date will be September 24, 2016 from 10-3.
- We have decided to eliminate the Craft/Vendor fair. We looked at what our profit was for hosting the Craft/Vendor fair and it wasn't worth all of the effort put in. Last year, the Craft/Vendors did not have a lot of business and we decided that it would be best to eliminate this from the event.
- We will have walking, fun, games and food.
- We asked for volunteers – specifically asking for those people who volunteered as chairs last year and whether they were willing to return. We didn't have a lot of people volunteer to come back as chairs.
- The hours of the event will also be shortened, since there will be no Craft/Vendor fair.
- The silent auction will return and Mrs. Mandy Taylor will help to organize it again.
- We will still ask for the raffle items so vendors can promote their items.
- We have booked the DJ (Mrs. Taylor's dad was not available this year). The DJ we booked has donated all but one hour of his time.
- Kona Ice is booked, Intents Inflatables has been contacted.
- We have already contacted the company that did our shirts;
- Sponsorship forms are updated; we brought the sponsorship levels down, so now the top sponsorship is \$500.
- Forms will be sent home after spring break to see if kids may have families that own business who want to be sponsors.
- We are still looking for anyone interested in Chairing the Sponsorship committee – Courtney Breit said she was interested.
- It was discussed that a full team should be assembled as it is a lot of work that requires strong coordination, tracking and follow up.

#### **Track and Field Day**

- The date is set for Friday, May 20 with the rain date on May 27.
- PTO will again host the hot dog lunch.
- Mrs. Tiffe will need volunteers to help out.
- The hot dog lunch will also be available for the volunteers.

#### **Square 1 Art – Jenny Hermes**

- Jenny Hermes said that the current Mural of Square 1 Art tiles (currently in the Cafeteria) will be added to.
- They are working on making the wood frames that hold the tiles.
- The Mural will be going up earlier this year.

#### **Movie Nights – Parent Question**

- It was asked whether or not we would consider opening Movie Nights up to 4K.
- Several opinions were shared on this and discussion included support for keeping the minimum grade/age at Kindergarten. It stated that 4K kids have a harder time sitting still/in one spot throughout the movie; also that it is a drop-off event and sometimes the 4K kids have more difficulty with that. It was also discussed that the movie nights run late and overall it is preferred to keep the minimum age at Kindergarten.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 PM

**Next Meeting is Thursday, May 19th at 7 pm in the Library**