

## Meeting Minutes

9/18/2014

### **Present:**

Jessica Winnie, Cristi Gallagher, Megan Calhoun, Kari Ray, Mel Modica, Natalie Winnett, Jen Rothove, Megan Haapanen, Kate Renzoni, Jacque Bridgeman, Patty Bernhagen, Veronica Ketchum, Julie Konchan, Jane Wilker, Amy Dollar, Mandy Taylor, Dana Johnson. Michelle Davies, Vicky Foley, Liz Molton, Jenny Hermes, Laura Benzaquen, Ashley Goergen, Courtney Craig, Kimberly Snyder, Dana Adamczyk, Camille Schroeder, Courtney Breit, Cindy Joy, Tara Pottala, Betsy Fiedler, Nicky Ichen, Crystal Mahone

### **Officer Reports:**

**President** – Jessica Winnie – Welcomes Cristi Gallagher(Vice President) and Mel Modica (event coordinator) to the board.

**Vice President** – Cristi Gallagher – Absent from meeting no report

**Secretary** – Kari Ray – Review and approval of minutes and updated bylaws. Motion to approve Bylaws Kim Snyder, seconded by Jacque Bridgeman. All in favor, yes. Motion to approve meeting notes Jacque Bridgeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicky Ichen. All in favor, yes.

**Treasurer** – Megan Calhoun

Review and approval of 2014/2015 operating budget - Motion to approve by Jacque Bridgeman, seconded by Tara Pottala. All in favor. Yes

**Teacher Representative** – Camille and Teachers thanked PTO for the Pot's outside the building. They requested \$150.00 for supplies for this year and \$100.00 for each year after. - Motion to approve by Crystal Mahone, seconded by Courtney Craig. All in favor. Yes

### **Committee Reports:**

- Square 1 Art – Jenny Hermes. The students have been working hard on their square one Art pieces in Art class with Amy Dollar and parent volunteers. These pieces can be ordered on items as a fundraiser for the art program and for the PTO. An option to order a tile that will be hung around the school is listed in the order form. Camille will decide where to hang them (cafeteria, front entrance, etc.) Handout order forms will go home at school conferences.
- Spirit Wear order forms will go out next week. Trying a new company that does all ordering and separating of products.
- Spirit Days – Patty Bernhagen – Spirit Day will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month. For the first one on October 15<sup>th</sup> the PTO will work with Patty on getting fruit snacks or other option because popcorn doesn't fit nutrition guidelines. For future ones the PTO board will work with her on options and ordering etc.
- Newsletter – We still need a chair person for the newsletter. If you are interested please let someone on the board know.
- Halloween Hoopla – Still need a chair person. Nicky Ichen has volunteered to do cookie decorating again at the event. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm.
- Box-Tops – Jacque Bridgeman – Revamping the program to allow more children to receive prizes. Jacque also asked the board that if she keeps her net at \$2,650 she might spend a little over the \$350.00 budget. For example if the box tops bring in \$3,850 she might spend \$500.00 to run the program but the program will still bring in more profit. The board and PTO representation at the meeting all agreed that this was ok.
- Academic Gallery Walk – Still need a chair person and this event is usually held in May
- Family Fun Nights – These will include: Movie Night December 5<sup>th</sup>, Bingo night January 16<sup>th</sup>, Pottery Night March 10<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a chair person for this event.
- Overall we still need chair people for the following things: Halloween Hoopla, Newsletter, School Directory, Gallery Walk, Talent Show (next year), and Family fun nights. If you are interested please let us know after the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Supply Boxes – Kari Ray – 50 were ordered and the company was very easy to work with. The people that ordered

them seem very happy with them and we will be doing it again next year.

- Playground clean-up day – Mrs. Konchan raised the concern about the map being slippery when wet and children getting hurt on the playground. Cindy Joy volunteered to research paints and her and her husband to fix the map. We are looking to do another cleanup in the spring and paint the basketball hoops and other spider web.
- Back to school hot dog picnic received good feedback. Talked about time of serving etc. and agreed to keep it the same next year.

#### **New Business:**

- Walk-A-Thon:
  - Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-4pm
  - Lots of fun planned DJ, Ruffolo's food, bounce houses, face painting, photo booth, etc.
  - Still need volunteers to help with the event. You can sign up using sign up genius.
  - Students can still turn in pledges but they will only be eligible to receive a t-shirt not the prizes
  - Come out and walk even if you can't raise money
  - We will now accept credit cards as a PTO and will have it at this event
  - All tickets are 1.00
  - Although participation is lower than we anticipated (81 kids as of today) and wanted we have brought in as much as winterfest has raised us before the event.
  - Amy Dollar suggested us creating and using a reusable sign to attract people from the street
  - We are looking for volunteers next Friday to block off parking lot at 1:00
- Facebook page – Please like us and receive our updates. We use facebook as a form of communication to our parents
- Target red card – If you have a target red card please register it to our school. We receive 5% back and it's a easy fundraiser for us.

#### Room Parent Raffle:

- Laura Bezaquen held the room parent raffle for the classrooms

#### Standard based Learning:

- Camille Schroeder presented the new standard based learning to the parents. She allowed for questions and gave a detail of the grading system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

**Thank you for your time and participation!**

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.”