

# Minutes for Prairie Lane PTO Meeting

Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7pm

## WELCOME & Happy New Year!

**Present:** Tracy Haase, Jessica Winnie, Jenny Hermes, Kelly Ficker, David Newman, Pam DeFrate, Cristi Gallagher, Nicole Beddigs, Heidi Larson, Nicky Ichen, Asheley Goergen, Kari Ray, Jessica Ventura

Meeting opened by Tracy Haase at 7:03pm

## Officer Reports:

President- Tracy Haase - iPad cases/apps: 25 ipads were ordered thru the school, PTO has provided cases/looking into apps

Vice President- Jessica Winnie - no report

Secretary- Kelly Ficker - review & approval of Oct 2012 meeting minutes- Motion to approve by Nicole Beddigs, seconded by Pam DeFrate. All in favor. Yes

Treasurer- Jenny Hermes - review & approval of Oct, Nov, Dec 2012 Financials - Motion to approve by Nicole Beddigs, seconded by Pam DeFrate. All in favor. Yes

Principal- Mr. Newman – informed those present that the test scores for WKCE will appear lower this year (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) due to the standard being raised within the district/state. He will put information into the Feb. newsletter, including links to information

He has had discussions with other principals about the CT tragedy and how to prepare P.L. for an extended lockdown/evaluation. Idea is to keep a bucket of supplies in each classroom (water, snacks, toilet paper, crank flashlights, etc). Also, have walkie/talkies available in each room. It would be up to the teachers to make sure walkies are charged. Miss Langerman (4/5<sup>th</sup> teacher) has access to 5 gal. Buckets free of charge. Asking PTO to help with cost of supplies/walkies. Facilities Director estimates walkies \$20/ea. Security cameras – looking at 16 at \$100/ea, DVR \$800, monitor (walmart) = approx.. \$2400. Heidi L. discussed indoor cameras also good for bully, etc. Discussions revolved around making building securer.

Last lockdown was in Oct. Next one scheduled for Feb.

Are the windows able to open far enough to allow for escape? Have an escape ladder in bucket.

Jenny H. mentioned police presence in parking lot. Mr. Newman responded that the Village of Pleasant Prairie has provided this measure as being pro-active since CT and that their presence would not be continuing this week.

Teacher Representative – None present

## Committee Reports:

- “Soup”er Bowl” Jan 29-Feb 1 Lacy Pearl –notice put in Newsletter. K-1 received a separate flyer.
- Market Day pick up January 28 \*No School that day – Tanya Perri is taking over. THANKS!

- Family Fun Night- Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> 4pm-10pm, last couple have been light on attendance, remember adults can get a wristband too! PL gets \$2 for every wristband. – Be sure to attend.
- Newsletter- Christy Selin – submit articles/notices by last Friday of month. Great job!
- Box Tops and Milk Caps – earned approx.. \$1200 in box tops!, Wash milk caps.
- Friendship Parties Feb. 14 at 2:40pm – Background check needed.
- PTO Parent Suggestion Surveys- Jenny H. sent out survey to 80 people via email/ 2 responded regarding where they would like to see our money go to improving school. \$100 for intramural program. Pam D. mentioned playground equipment – costly. Is there a need? 4K would like something for younger students. Kari R. suggested positive reinforcement options – parents donate small items (bobbleheads, etc). Teachers use these as incentives for students to use their tickets on. Kari has a powerpoint of what was done at her daughter's previous school. She is willing to be on a committee regarding this.

### **Old Business:**

- Teacher Conference Luncheon- thank you Kerri Valentine. Teachers enjoyed!
- Winter Parties – success. Parent check-in went well in office. Therese Claypool did a great job!
- Yearbook: [www.community.lifetouch.com](http://www.community.lifetouch.com) Jessica V. asked parents to submit photos. Due date March 1<sup>st</sup>. Lifetouch visited school recently and took pics in classrooms, lunch room, library, etc. Will also attend Winterfest  
Prairie Lane code: GBEP0W
- Chess Club/Guitar Stars – Kelly F. stated that Guitar Stars delivered flyers which went home in Thur. Folders. Forms needed to be postmarked on Friday. Chess Club will most likely resume in the spring. There is a Kenosha Chess Club.
- Exploring back lot lighting options – Tracy H. wanted to keep everyone informed that several options are still being looked into.

### **New Business:**

- Asking for \$1000 to fund 2 upcoming assemblies, Science (Feb) and Jump Rope (April) – Dan Ficker will perform Science assembly Feb 11. Jump Rope – looking at April 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Jessica V., Nicole B. seconded. All in favor. Yes.
- Asking for \$50 per teacher to spend at educational resource website  
Approx. 50x35= \$1750. Items would stay with school  
Motion to approve: Nicky I., Heidi L. seconded. All in favor. Yes.
- Winterfest updates- Jessica V. – Fri Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm. In 2011, raised \$3K, 2012 = <\$7K. Lacking volunteers. Tanya Perri (game chair) will be contacting middle schools for volunteers. Need adults for game/food cleanup. Pam D. stated that she has not received many donations for the baskets. Will email teachers to put in newsletters. Needs items by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Jessica V. asked Therese C. to put notice out for room parents to send emails to parents. Silent auction: Robyn Evans: donations include Snap-on chest, Disney tickets, Brewers tickets. Put big ticket items in newsletter to raise awareness of Winterfest.
- Board Opening for 2013-14 school year, secretary
- Nomination Committee (Tracy, Jessica V., Lacy Pearl)  
Need a Secretary for PTO board
- Additional info/comments?

Mr. Newman mentioned that they are working thru the results from the online survey thru KUSD.

Kelly F. mentioned that Judy V (phy ed teacher) is looking into bringing "Fuel" Program (NFL Play60) to P.L. in which students would need to log into computer and record minutes they exercised. Judy is trying to acquire incentive/reward from Packers.

**The next PTO meeting will be: Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm. No Feb.meeting.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."