

PTO MEETING 3/3/20 MINUTES

Present: Allison Symmes, Maria Kretz, Ted Wells, Amy Ellicott, Kathleen Sease, Suzanne Spokus, Heather Miller, Tim Funk, Kathleen Fluman, Jennifer Bricker, Sarah Kirk, and Laura Cosden (12)

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

The meeting minutes from February 4, 2020 were approved with the following corrections: Under the Principal's Report, instead of the abbreviation PIBS, it is PBIS. Under Knowledge-A-Thon, remove the line, Sarah asked about popcorn and bottled water. Under Science Fair, Mrs. Spinks was changed to Mrs. Daniels.

Allison read some thank you notes from this past year from Teacher Appreciation Week. She noted that she will check the PTO mail box more in the future.

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of last meeting was \$11,351.03. The current balance is \$15,511.44.

Principal's Report:

- Principal Wells reported that there is no school account with the RIF account. We can create an account and get points to get books. He will talk with Brandy and Mrs. Daniels to figure out a plan. Using the Library account was a suggestion.
- March 3, a March Newsletter was emailed to all. Paper copies will also be made available.
- Moving forward, each grade level will change out the Bulletin Board each month outside the main office.
- Axa Jones and 3 Elementary Principals in our district met with Andrew Robinson and did a Facebook Live which is available on the District Facebook page.
- A new virtual tour will be done soon.
- Tumbling Show and Knowledge-A-Thon pictures are up online if you want to view them.
- There will be a Wellness Event on April 21, 5:30p-p at the Gettysburg Area Middle School. There will be free child care. This is a free event. There may be transportation available. Principal Wells gave us a handout for this event, so we can help spread the news.
- Kindergarten Registration is March 11th and 12th.

New Business:

- Hershey Park ticket order forms have gone out and are due back with money on March 19th. Distribution will be the week of April 20th.
- Fine Arts Night is May 19th for K&2nd and May 20th for 1st and 3rd. This is a date change.

Committee Reports:

RIF (Reading Is Fundamental): Next RIF Day is Friday, April 17th. No set idea on theme yet...may possibly tie into Earth Day.

Restaurant Fundraiser –March 24th is our new date for our Hoss's Fundraiser.

From Hoss's website: Hoss's will provide your organization with invitations for you to distribute to supporters, inviting them to dine at Hoss's on your fundraising day. On that day, our servers will collect the invitations and tally the guest checks from your supporters. At the end of the night, if the total pre-tax amount is at least \$300, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 20% of the total. If the total pre-tax amount is at least \$1,200, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 25% of the total.

Laura Cosden reported that we will be doing a Friendly's fundraiser on April 15th...this will be all day and they will grant us 20% of each check.

Box Tops: Collection of Box Tops was February 13th and we received a check for \$274.10. There will be another check mailed out in April...not included what was made from online...that amount to come.

Spring Fundraiser: Possible places for a bulb sale- Aucker's. We found 2 online places, but not sure yet. Allison emailed Taylor's Greenhouse to see if they are willing to work with us.

Holiday Craft: No update

Hospitality:

- Teacher Appreciation Week is the first full week of May. Laura needs help planning it and coming up with a theme.
- End of the Year Fun Day is scheduled for June 1st. We pay \$2500 towards Bounce House and Activity Fund pays the balance. Laura will be reserving a Bounce House for this day. We need prizes for one of the games. There are prizes leftover from Bingo that we can use. \$2525 was the estimate for the Bounce House with the Sno Cone Machine. It was noted that we do have leftover flavorings on hand as well.

Knowledge-A-Thon: After school movie was held February 12th and the dinner was held on February 19th. Moving forward for next year, we will need more volunteers to help with the program. Sarah noted that we need a parent volunteer to help collect money and permission slips for this event. There are 3 sets of permission slips. We need to maybe rethink about this whole process so that it goes smoother next year. Testing was spread out over 2 weeks due to lack of volunteers. Only 3 volunteers signed up. Maybe we should use Sign-Up Genius for next year. Prizes are being ordered and Maria Kretz is handling this.

Science Fair: Wednesday, February 26th was the Kick-off during the day-5th graders will do an experiment. April 14th is the Stem Night/Science Fair event. The theme is Pollution Solution. Some classrooms will get to do an experiment. Each grade will get to do a Pollution Solution Experiment. Tim put the permissions slips into the teacher's boxes Monday morning. It was found out during the meeting that there was an error on the slip so they were pulled and it is being fixed. The slips are due this Friday, March 6.

It was noted that we should use the PTO Facebook page for reminders for all of our events.

Next PTO Meeting 4/7/2020 at 7pm in the James Gettys Library