

**PTP Minutes – April 2015**  
**4/21/15**

President Heather Azeltine brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. 10 parents and faculty were at the meeting.

**Welcome/Introductions (Heather Azeltine):**

**Principal Report/Discussion Topics (Kim Grengs):**

- Community Building Day 4/22 – have kids wear Choose Kind t-shirts if they have them.
- MCA tests have been happening for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Today the Commissioner has suspended all MCA testing due to technical problems. These tests really just tell as a school if we are meeting standards or not. They are taken every year from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Looking for Reading Corps applicants for the open positions. They do not have to reside in Farmington to apply.
- After MCA tests 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders will do NWEA testing, going through the middle of May. RVES is more interested in the NWEA scores, as they look at students' growth.

**Financial Report (Cinda Lohmann):**

- Cinda cleaned up a lot of the budget items that were being held and will not be used this year. After everything had been cleared and matched up (highlighted items on the report), approved expenses were taken into consideration, and \$5,000 held out to start up Spirit Wear for next year, we have \$13,883 in our account.
- We do need to carry over at least \$10,000 for the start of the next school year (\$5,000 for Spirit Wear and \$5,000 for other approved expenses). We have just under \$9,000 in our account that we want to spend this year. We like to spend as many funds as possible in the year that they are raised.
  - Suggestions on how to spend the funds?
    - Kim already has additional furniture planned for the classrooms and pod areas, just to allow kids to be able to move without distracting other students. The purchase will come from another account, not PTP.
    - Indoor recess carts with activities, such as Legos, cards, magnetic activity with balls (Mr. Caduff has one in his classroom), markers/crayons/colored pencils, etc. We'd need two carts for each house and two for Kindergarten. Students cannot use their iPads during indoor recess. What they currently do for indoor recess depends upon the teachers. Heather will reach out to the Recess Supervisors to see what they suggest would be the best items to provide.
    - We'd like to continue Lego Robotics next year. Mr. Caduff will lead. There will be one team of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders shadow the 5<sup>th</sup> graders). They will need a new robot piece to participate.

**Funding Requests (Tani Helgemoe):**

- There were not any funding requests.

**Staff Appreciation (Tani Helgemoe):**

- Staff Appreciation is the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.
- The theme is similar to the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie...". Each day will play into the theme. The events will be: cookies and lemonade, breakfast, a break, lunch, and cupcakes.
- Donations requests and volunteer needs will be coming out soon.

**Read-a-Thon Report (Heather Azeltine):**

- Total revenue was \$6,880. The prizes cost just under \$1,100. We did purchase prizes in advance just in case all students participated, so we have lots of books and rubber ducks left over. We'll be able to use the books for other event prizes (Culvers night, Reading Corps, 360 Communities, etc.).
- 289 students participated (37%)
  - Kindergarten: 39%
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 52%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 29%
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 39%
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 20%

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 27%
- Multi-age: 54%
- 8 students raised more than \$100, so Heather put together a special prize pack for them (extra books, pencils, tattoos, etc.)
- It was a win-win: we raised money for the school and kids read.
- Definitely a successful program to host again next year.

**BOGO Book Fair (Sue Coccarelli):**

- The BOGO sale will be May 13-18 during Grand Day:
  - Set up 5/13 and open 2-4pm
  - 5/14 (Grand Day parent preview) open in the afternoon
  - 5/15 (Grand Day) open all day
  - 5/18 open for a few hours that morning
- Volunteers will be needed during the busy Grand Day times.

**2015/16 PTP Positions (Heather Azeltine):**

- Open positions in which no interest has been expressed:
  - President
  - Volunteer Coordinator – send volunteer needs to parents
  - PIE (Parents in Education) Coordinator – responsible for getting the work done and getting volunteers to help, assist teachers with projects they need (laminating, sharpening pencils, cutting, etc.), meet once a week to complete jobs  
This program provides teachers more time to provide instruction to the students, and is very valuable to them.
  - Pahl's Market Coordinator
  - Script Co-Coordinator (Michelle Griffin will continue next year but not the following year, so would like a Co-Coordinator to teach the ropes.)
- Open positions in which interest has been expressed:
  - Secretary: Sue Coccarelli
  - Treasurer: Tom Wroblewski
  - Fall Fundraiser: Tom Wroblewski
  - Free Money: Heidi Beranek
- Nominations for all open positions will be accepted through May's PTP meeting. Contact Heather Azeltine if you are interested in any open position (hrazeltine@gmail.com).
- Elections will be at May's PTP meeting.

**Volunteer Needs (Jen Cole):**

- BOGO Book Fair in May
- Staff Appreciation donations
- iNature river clean-up this Friday 4/24 1:45-3:00pm with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade multi-age

**Other Topics (Heather Azeltine):**

- We appreciate the eBlasts sent out by Kim. She does a great job of summarizing and communicating all information.

**Next PTP meeting will be May 19, 2015 at 6:30PM. Hope to see you there!**

Attachments:

PTP Treasury Report 2014-2015 Apr15