

PTP Minutes – January 2015
1/20/15

Vice President Tani Helgemoe brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. 8 parents and faculty were at the meeting.

Welcome/Introductions (Tani Helgemoe):

- Heather, our PTP President, is on vacation in Cozumel!

Principal Report/Discussion Topic (Kim Grengs):

- Community Building Day is tomorrow, 1/21. Have students wear their “Choose Kind” shirt if they have one.
- Kindergarten registration is this Thursday night 1/22.
- The parent input form for next year is on the website. The form only needs to be completed if a parent has a special request for their child, not to request a specific teacher. It asks information such as strengths of your child, characteristics, if he/she should be in a separate classroom than a friend, same classroom as a twin, etc. Forms are due by 2/6, and can be dropped off with Sally in the office or emailed to Kim. Only Kim sees these requests; not teachers or any one else.
- About 10 staff members are reading the book *Quiet*. It’s a very interesting read about introverts. Kim will eblast it out once they are done reading it, to see if any parents want to.
- How can parents get involved with the “Choose Kind” theme?
 - Parent Q: What happens on Community Building Day? Ex. 2nd grade classroom may go to a 4th grade classroom. In the classrooms they play games or do activities to get to know each other. The plan is so that when students see these other students at school they will greet them, be more respectful to them.
 - Parents could come to see/participate in Community Building Day at any time. They are always welcomed.
 - Parent suggestion: Could we have a night or event on a weekend in our community to make it better (ex. clean up a park, make sandwiches, make blankets for a children’s hospital)?
- Parent Q: With iPads now there is a lack of paper coming home and it’s hard for us to know what our children are working on and how we can help them. Schoology posts are inconsistent, too, so it can’t be relied upon. (Teachers are supposed to be using Schoology...it’s not an option. Resources, spelling lists, math practice games, newsletters, etc. should be posted. It takes the place of our school website.) There appears to be a disconnect now with the iPads. How do we know if they are learning: NWA and MCA tests. Teachers look at their CFAs for core learning, which changes based upon what the teacher is looking for in their teachings. If there is a concern, the parent needs to discuss those specifics with their child’s teacher. Teachers need to remember that there are parents who want to support their kids, and they need to let them. We need to teach students how to take notes, and it needs to be checked by the teachers. If it’s appropriate, distributing paper copies to the students for parents is OK to do. Good discussion!

Financial Report (Tani Helgemoe):

- The Wish Boutique fundraiser produced approximately \$100, which has not be deposited yet.
- After we look at all funds raised, expenses paid, and expenses approved, we have \$3,566 available.

Funding Requests (Tani Helgemoe):

- Tracy Hinz – books from Scholastic for Family Read-Aloud Night February 26th - \$100 – all students
 - Motion to approve: 1st: Tom Wroblewski, 2nd – Michelle Griffin
 - Unanimous approval
 - Note: There may be extra books left from a previous book fair that can be used for this.
- Clair Berg – school patrol annual Twins game May 27th - \$720 tickets + \$369 bussing = \$1,089 - 45 students (4th & 5th graders) and 3 adult chaperones
 - Motion to approve the tickets: 1st: Teresa Gibbs, 2nd – Tom Wroblewski
 - Unanimous approval
 - Kim will find a way to pay for the bussing through the general account or we could do another Script fundraiser in the Spring
 - Note: There was discussion as to if this should be a constant expense paid for by PTP. No decision was made at this meeting, but discussion needs to continue on the topic

since it was brought up before and will continue to be an annual request. The following was in the Secretary's notes from the January 2014 PTP meeting when the request came for PTP to pay for bussing to the Twins game:

- Michelle Griffin made a motion that PTP funds the tickets for the game as well, since the American Legion no longer can fund it. The original plan was that the parents were going to be asked to pay for the tickets (@ \$20 per ticket). New total funded \$1,114.
- This cost should be planned as an annual expense since PTP would like to provide it every year as a reward to the patrol.

Pep Fest/Raffle Baskets (Tani Helgemoe):

- Pep Fest is on Friday, January 30th, 6-8:30PM.
- Spirit Wear will be open Friday night during Pep Fest, as well as the Wednesday night prior.
- We need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. The request for volunteers went out earlier this week, but not everyone is receiving the email. Kim will send the link out on an eblast.
- New this year: raffle baskets. Each grade has a different theme to provide items for. A big bin is set up in the office by Ruth Ann's desk to deliver donations. Tani and Heidi (parent volunteer) will assemble baskets the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning before Pep Fest. Anyone interested in assisting with this project are more than welcome to stop in! Tickets purchased can be put in any bucket to win. Ticket prices: \$1 per ticket. An eblast will be sent out so parents know to bring cash or checks to purchase tickets, as well as teasers as to what some of the baskets will be. Idea: put two baskets together in advance and put into a display case, heightening some excitement with the kids. Money from this event may be donated to a charity or to school needs. Discussion will be later around it.

Book Fair (Tani Helgemoe):

- Spring Book Fair will be February 26th – March 6th.
- We will need volunteers to help. Allison will send them to Jen.
- Profits are paid out in Scholastic Dollars for the teachers to use.
- There will also be a BOGO book fair in May.

Read-a-thon Update (Tani Helgemoe):

- Students collect pledges for how many minutes they read.
- Planned for March, but a specific time frame hasn't been landed on yet.
 - Suggestion: two weeks – the week of spring break and the week after
- More details will be ironed out once Heather returns.

Volunteer Needs (Tani Helgemoe):

- Many people have indicated that they aren't getting the Sign-Up Genius emails. They need to register to be put into the database.

Other Topics (Tani Helgemoe):

- Snowmobile Special Needs Ride Night on February 7th – more details will be collected and distributed via an eblast

Next PTP meeting will be March 17, 2015 at 6:30PM. Hope to see you there!

Attachments:

PTP Treasury Report 2014-2015