

**PTP Minutes – November 2014**  
**11/18/14**

President Heather Azeltine brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. 11 parents and faculty were at the meeting.

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

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

- Tomorrow is Community Building Day. Students should wear their 'Choose Kind' t-shirt if they have one. It's 8:35-8:50AM. During this day there is one activity for students to get to know each other.
- Students will be going outside for recess unless it's below zero with the wind chill. School Patrol will also not be outside if it's below zero with the wind chill. Students do go outside often for iNature specialist, so parents need to make sure their children have the proper clothing.
- Dr. West (Superintendent from Winona) facilitated an after-school discussion with staff about building relationships, knowing students, and respecting their background. It was an incredible discussion. There are plans to have him back to present to the entire school district.
- Lego Robotics tournament on Saturday in Bloomington. First tournament that our students have participated in. Lego Robotics has been a lot of fun. Next year we need to find a staff member to lead, as Mrs. Dufon will not be leading it.
- Parent Q – last year there was a lot of below zero days. Can the kids get some gym time during recess? They can have some gym time when the gym is available. Kim will review with staff.

**Financial Report (Cinda Lohmann):**

- The profit from the Chip Shoppe fall fundraiser was \$21,320. Currently we have \$2,953 available in our account.
- Culvers night will be added to the Special Events area on the financial report. It doesn't go into our account as it directly goes into the teachers' accounts, but we'd like to track it to see how much was raised.

**Funding Requests (Tani Helgemoe):**

- Kathy Willhout – Career Fair at FES on January 9<sup>th</sup> - \$125 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup>: Michelle Ronnebaum, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Coccarelli
  - Unanimous approval

**Shoparoo (Heather Azeltine):**

- It's up and running for our school! It's very simple to use: download the app, take a picture of your receipt, Shoparoo awards your purchase points, once we get a certain level of points they send us funds. Very easy way to raise funds for the school just by living life. Akin Road averaged \$500 for each check on their first year. Receipts must be entered within 14 days of purchase to be accepted.

**Spring Fundraiser (Heather Azeltine):**

- What ideas are there for a spring fundraiser?:
  - Read-a-Thon – Akin Road has had success with this in the past. It's something that students are already doing (reading daily), so it's not anything extra to add for parents. It's a one-week event. Students would get pledges for reading minutes. Once they achieve certain milestones they would receive little prize charms. At the end, they would receive a book for completion. The books are purchased in conjunction with Scholastics.
    - Pizza Hut reading program during "I love to read" month?
    - What if we did the Read-a-Thon in February, and then if we need to do another event later, we then organize one?
  - Walk-a-Thon type program, such as what was done a few years ago – It promotes a healthy lifestyle, but it is a lot of work to organize.
  - Include a silent auction at Pep Fest, with baskets donated by grade level or class
    - Raffle instead of silent auction? History at another school showed that a raffle raised more money than a silent auction. Theme ideas for baskets:
      - Grilling out
      - Twins/sports
      - Pets

- Gift card basket
- Games
- Movie night
- Car care
- Valentines
- Chocolate lovers
- Pasta/Italian
- Toys – Legos, Angry Birds, etc.
- Video game
- Books
- Craft
- Spirit Wear
- Local businesses
- Coffee basket
- Spa basket
- Tools/handyman

**Other Topics (Heather Azeltine):**

- Spirit Wear holiday orders are due this Friday.
- Should we send out a survey to the teachers to find out what their likes are, so that we can then provide lists to parents for holiday gifts?
  - Kim: She believes staff would rather have the students give back instead of giving gifts to them. Suggested give back opportunity could be the 360 Program, led by family support worker (Beth), who helps support RVE families in need. Needs have been gas cards, clothing, minutes for cell phone, food, furniture, housing, lunch money, etc.
    - Do all RVE parents know about the opportunities here if they need help?
    - Can we have a place for parents to go to see what the current needs of the 360 Program are, so that they can help if they want to?
    - Can a different classroom each month sponsor the Tiger Pantry and 360 Program?
- Offer Kwik Trip script gift cards monthly, since they give back 10%? Who would manage it since it can be a lot of work?

**Next PTP meeting will be January 20, 2015 at 6:30PM. Hope to see you there!**

Attachments:

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