

PTP Minutes – October 2014
10/21/14

President Heather Azeltine brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. 20 parents and faculty were at the meeting.

Welcome/Introductions (Heather Azeltine):

- Shoparoo - App that you can use on your mobile phone to input any of your receipts. Based upon the dollar amount on your receipt, the points equate to dollars, which are sent to the school (PTP account). The receipts are used for market research. They also have monthly sweepstakes in which more dollars can be awarded to schools. Heather will send more information out on the app.
- There is a new PTP reimbursement form to use to better track the funds and how they are spent. The form will be kept in the PTP Room. Sally also has the original if needed.

Financial Report (Cinda Lohmann):

- Estimate for the fall fundraiser is \$19,955. The official final report will not be in until later. We estimated profit based upon previous years' profit (approximately 40%).
- When all of the income and expenses are tracked, we have approximately \$5,000 in the account.
- Spirit Wear is ahead of last year, primarily due to the ability to accept credit cards.
- Script Fundraising will happen again this year, but dates are not confirmed. We like to have the event prior to parents doing any holiday shopping.
- Culver's money is not recorded in the PTP budget this year, but is tracked separately (on page two of the Financial Report). This year the money is put right into the teachers' accounts so that they have an easier time of spending it.
- We may have a spring fundraising event this year, such as a walk-a-thon or read-a-thon, depending upon the need.

Funding Requests (Heather Azeltine):

- The rain garden is complete, so we have that funding responsibility, but we don't have the total cost yet. The estimate is approximately \$4,900. Cinda Current did receive a grant, so we should be responsible for approximately \$1,960.
- The estimated funds that we have available through the rest of the school year is \$3,000.
- Mrs. Rodman – Biz Town program and curriculum - \$1,380 (\$10 per student) – 125-140 students
 - Last year was the first year doing the program, and the teachers and students were just floored by what they learned. All schools in Farmington are participating this year. If PTP doesn't fund, the program will still happen, as it will be funded by the school's account.
 - Motion to approve: 1st – Gretchen Schommer, 2nd – Jen Cole
 - Unanimous approval
- Mrs. Partida – Time For Kids magazines (current events) - \$536 – 3rd grade and 3/4 Multi-age
 - Motion to approve: 1st – Michelle Ronnebaum, 2nd – Dana Douglas
 - Unanimous approval
- Mrs. Matanich – Youth Teaching Youth 4H Program (peer pressure, alcohol, tobacco, making good choices, etc.) - \$450 – 4th grade and 3/4 Multi-age (3rd grade will be more specific to them such as community, give back, etc.)
 - \$400 has already been approved, so this expense will just be an extra \$50
 - Motion to approve the extra \$50: 1st – Tom Wroblewski, 2nd – Teresa Gibbs
 - Unanimous approval
- \$1,075 remaining after these requests have been approved. Plus we may receive additional from Chip Shoppe once it is finalized.

Fundraising Opportunity (Dana Douglas):

- She works for Wish Boutique in Rosemount (across from Terry's Hardware in the new building with apartments on top). They will have an event November 6th, 10AM-8PM. 10% of all sales on that day will come back to RVES. Shoppers don't even need to mention RVES. Wish Boutique is open two weekends per month. After the November 6th event, 10% of sales from anyone who mentions RVES will go back to the school as well. Dana will create a card to send home with students the week before. A mannequin with signage about the event will be put up during The Chip Shoppe pick-up/Spirit Wear Store on November 3rd.

Principal Report/Discussion Topic (Kim Grengs):

- Our school theme is Choose Kind. This month's community building event is tomorrow, Wed 10/21. This year the event will be 8:35-8:50AM, pairing two classrooms together. There will be an event similar to this once a month. Kids should wear their Choose Kind shirts on these days if they have one.
- Last Saturday the rain garden was completed. Thanks to all families who helped. It is amazing! That day students and parents were asking so many questions, so now that it's in all of the students in the school are going to continue to learn so much more about rain gardens. Thanks to Jim Koles for the work on the garden. Thanks to Cinda Current for all of the work she has put into it.
- Thanks for the parents who volunteered at the book fair. Thanks for the parents who donated the food for the conference dinner and the teacher luncheon.
- The decision to have an Engineer and iNature specialists is the best decision I've made this year. The teachers have such passion for what they do, and the kids can feel it.
- Responsive Classroom – 33 teachers came in this summer to determine how we can create a sense of community. Another staff training is coming up in November. The program coaches kids to look for intrinsic motivation instead of looking at the adult for positive reinforcement/approval.
- Every classroom has a morning meeting every morning to start their day.

Spirit Wear Report (Teresa Gibbs):

- Book fair/Conference generated \$2,036 in sales. With all 3 events we've brought in \$7050 in sales. Profit so far this year has been \$2,004.
- We've never wanted Spirit Wear to be a profit center, so it's nice to make a profit on it.
- Teacher suggestion: The high school takes back used Spirit Wear and resells. Maybe that could be a fundraising event for the school? Maybe Student Council or 5th graders could run?
- Parent question: Since there is a profit from Spirit Wear, will those funds be put back into the general PTP account? Not at this time. We want to have available funds for new inventory.

Fall Fundraiser Report (Shae Rodger):

- The orders that we collected were picked up yesterday. We should know next week what our actual profit is.
- Pick-up is November 3rd from 3-6PM. Volunteers are needed 1-3PM (sorting and unloading) and 3-6PM (pick-up).
- The game bus will be on November 3rd. The winners would go during their recess time. The suggestion is to have students bring a bag lunch so that they can spend more time on the bus.

Book Fair Report (Sue Coccarelli):

- Teacher luncheon was successful. Everyone was happy with it.
- Volunteer staffing was plenty. Everything got covered.
- The overall hours may be adjusted for next time, possibly opening up later in the day.
- All For Books brought in approximately \$600. The top classes were Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dubbels.
- The income was roughly \$11,000. All proceeds go to the library.
- Next time, looking to increase more buzz around the book fair with the kids including finding out in advance what books they are excited about.
- Parent comment: having The Diary of a Wimpy Kid pre-order was a good idea.

Other Topics (Heather Azeltine):

- Jen Cole – Cinda Current (iNature) is open to having parents come in to help with anything during the day. You don't even need to reserve time; just stop in! Her room is in the Science Lab in The Green House.

Next PTP meeting will be November 18th at 6:30PM. Hope to see you there!

Attachments:

PTP Treasury Report 2014-2015