



PTA Meeting

Agenda for March 7, 2016

6:30 PM

Elementary Library

Megan West, Gina Blenis, Alexis Aloisi, Amber Lounsbury, Sarah Motta, Anne Rhodes, Bonnie Catlin

I. Welcome/Call to order

II. Review and Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- a. Megan motioned to approve, Amber seconded.

III. Officer/Chairperson Reports

A. President-Past Events

1. YMCA Skating Event

- a. A huge success again! Great turnout.
- b. Short on snacks again.
- c. Veggies were a big hit again.
- d. We had plenty of hot cocoa and the packets worked much better.
- e. Everyone asked for water. The water fountains were not located conveniently.
- f. Estimates were at 200 attendees.
- g. Annie's and Utz have on their website a section for donations. Check this out!

2. Winter Family Night Out-Family Folk Dance Night

- a. Turnout was low
- b. Weather an issue this week. It interfered with the gym classes.
- c. The families that attended had fun.
- d. Estimate there were 80 attendees.
- e. This is not an event that is needed each year. Cycle it back in a few years.
- f. Potluck is not working. We need to forgo this part or change it.
- g. 5 families signed up and then only went to the dance.
- h. Consider dropping this event and keeping only the skating night.
- i. The high school musical conflicted with this event again.

3. Great Escape Reading Program

- a. Over 100 kids participated.
- b. Registration was a struggle. Anne was able to fix issues, but it was time consuming.
- c. Last day was February 13th. Hard end date was March 1st.
- d. Some teachers wanted it to go right to the hard date. That was a bit stressful.

4. MiSci: Star-Gazing Event

- a. 181 presale tickets were sold. (\$477.)
- b. We had to sell out the show to ensure that we could fit everyone.

- c. The bill was \$400 + mileage.
- d. Snacks cost 120.00 and we took in \$87.25.
- e. Remaining snacks will be sold to the Bubble Ball event.
- f. We couldn't use the telescopes because it was snowing and the wind was blowing.
- g. 15 minute time slots were good (as opposed to 45 min full show).
- h. Special Education classes did not have participants.
- i. Next year reach out to these teachers to see if we can support these kids.

B. President-Current Events

1. One School, One Book
 - a. The book launched today!
 - b. There were issues with the books arriving on time that originated in the warehouse.
 - c. Another issue was the communication with the bus garage. They did not communicate that the books had arrived.
 - d. We have not had an issue before, so we will see what our experience is next year.
 - e. There will be one trivia question each day.
 - f. If at least half of the class answers the question correctly, they get to add a scale to the dragon. The scales will be in the staff room. They need to drop their scale into the dropbox and they will be hung at the end of the day.
2. Krause's Chocolate Sale
 - a. 86 students participated.
 - b. Total earnings was \$9384.50.
 - c. Total profit \$4692.25, which is up slightly from last year (\$4,617.75)
 - d. Anne and Megan will pick up on March 30th at noon.
 - e. Danielle needs to do a building use form for 1:45-3:30 and 5:30-6:30.
 - i. Anne and Megan will do 2:30-3:30
 - ii. Jenn and Bonnie will do 5:30-6:30.
 - f. Send both a half sheet reminder and an email blast.
 - g. Mrs. Richard's class sold the most. She will receive \$255.30 in Scholastic Bucks
3. Banking
 - a. Bonnie's daughter is not bringing home receipts and got a \$2 reward deposit.
 - b. Should we keep this program? If we continue we need to engage the kids or end the program.
4. Green Learning Fair
 - a. April 12th
 - b. Send packets out next week.
 - c. Are there any ideas for adults to invite to join us? Suggestions:
 - i. Kelly Martin-Animals from Huyck Preserve
 - ii. Rob Dawson
 - iii. Mrs. Spring - Recycled art table
5. Retirement Tea
 - a. We need to find out who is retiring and see if they would like a party.
 - i. Mrs. Dalton

6. Teacher Luncheon
 - a. We need to start to plan this event at the April meeting.
7. Spirit Week
 - a. When? June? Email Peter for dates. Do the same week as field day?
 - b. What events? We will be looking for possible suggestions.
 - c. Field Day
 - i. Anything water was really popular.
 - ii. Looking forward to doing it again.

C. Treasurer

1. Current Balance: 10,327.80

D. Principal's Report-N/A

IV. Committee Reports

A. BLT

- a. A draft of building goals was passed around.
- b. BLT and team leaders met in December to discuss class size and asked for input about additional student services. It was a great conversation in regard to the big picture.
- c. Currently behavioral issues are outweighing academic issues.
- d. Focus has been on reading with positive results. Now the focus is being switched to writing and benchmarking students 3 times per year and using the results to drive student instruction.
- e. Discussion of how to promote CARES across the building and in homes again.
- f. Postcards, is it happening? Ask Peter about that.
- g. They would like to adopt a school motto. Looking for recommendations
- h. A Buddy Program is being developed this year to help kids who may need additional support and a helping hand.

B. QEC

- a. Discussion of screening/diagnostic tools.
 - i. Fast Bridge Webinar
 - ii. iReady Presentation (Teachers preferred the data they would get from this.)

C. GATE

- a. They are working with the Sophomore Class to put on Bubble Ball on March 23rd.
- b. There is a great response of teams.
- c. Pre-Ticket Sales are slow. Do parents realize they need to buy tickets to watch?

D. Advocacy-N/A

E. Membership-N/A

F. Nominating

1. We are looking to fill the president and vice president positions for next year.
2. Amber? President?
3. Alexis will do the secretary role.

V. Grant Requests/Updates

1. Mr. Hostash-Nature's Classroom-\$620.00

VI. New Business/Questions

- i. Could we do a Sip and Social or Wine and Cheese Night as a fundraiser? Suggestions:
 1. Yanni's
 2. Lucky Strike (could include kids)
 3. Crossroads

VII. Next Meeting – April 4th at 6:30 pm

Gina motioned to adjourn, Alexis seconded.