

## March 20, 2017

### Agenda Items:

#### Principal's Report

- Wrapped up Read Across America Week. Students loved the week long special events.
- Wausau Area Police Officers came and read aloud to several classes.
- There have been a lot of field trips, including Kindergarten to the school forest, 5<sup>th</sup> grades to Leigh Yawkey MC Escher exhibit and several classes attended performances at the Grand Theatre.
- Forward exams began on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Students earned a PBIS whole school Bounce House reward. Bounce houses will be set up Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There students will get to have 40 minutes of bounce house time per grade level. Great job students.
- Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> is an early release day. Students will be released at 11:30. Lunch will not be served.
- REMINDER, there is no school next week, March 27<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope everyone has a safe and fun spring break.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Thanks to everyone coming out to the family night event at Sconni's. Together we raised \$207 for John Marshall PTO.

#### Event Recaps

##### Healthy Eating Series

- There has been fairly good attendance for the Marathon County sponsored Healthy Eating Series. We had 6 families attend the first week and 9 families attend the second week. The series wraps up this Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 – 7:30.

##### Art to Remember

- The PTO netted between \$800-\$900 from the Art to Remember fundraiser.
- Recommendations were made to possibly change the time frame of this event next year to be more at the beginning of the school year. If earlier in the year and before Christmas holiday there might be more interest as people would be looking to buy Christmas presents for family members. Ms. Patterson agreed that we could look into this change for next year.

##### Sconni's Night

- There was a great John Marshall family presence for the Sconnis family night this year.
- There was approximately \$1200 spent by JM families on the night of the event.
- \$207 was raised for the PTO through this event. Thank you for participating.

##### Talent Show

- In the end we had 18 acts represented at the Talent Show
- We had a new high school student run the sound and lights for the event. He did a great job. The PTO paid him \$50 for doing the event.

### **Box Top Battles**

- Box tops will be counted this week.
- It was recommended that another sheet be sent home with the students for the parents to attach their box tops to.

### **Spiritwear Orders**

- The spring spiritwear order forms will be sent home Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in students folders. This is the last opportunity for the school year to purchase John Marshall apparel items.
- New for the spring there is a new Wausau East Lumberjack t-shirt option.
- There will no longer be any girl fit shirts.
- Order forms need to be returned to school no later than Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Order forms will also be available at the Breakfast & Bingo event held at the school on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Rayna B. will pick up order forms from school on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and coordinate with the vendor.

### **South East Side Airplane Weekly Event Opportunity**

- John Chmiel of the South East Side group would like to start a weekly airplane themed program at the Wausau Airport for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- The initial plan for the program would be to run weekly between the months of May and Novmeber.
- Children would build a different type of airplane each week. The airplanes would become progressively more intense each week with possibly working on a remote control airplane towards the end of the program.
- The sessions would be about 1 hour long each week.
- John would like to do a presentation to John Marshall families promoting the event.
- An idea was brought forth to do an open house event during the week of the Book Fair. The event would be held in the evening. Families would be able to shop at the Book Fair, they would be able to listen to John's presentation on the airplane program at the airport. Sandy W. also suggested that we ask Jesses Robinson to run open yoga session that night for kids and families that come to the open house.
- Sandy W. has tons of kite craft kits that we could set up for families to work on also.
- This event would be no cost to families.
- These ideas are still in the planning and development stages.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week 5/1, Administrative Professionals Day 4/26, Custodian Appreciation**

- Discussed what we would like to do for the Teachers to show our Appreciation.
- Suggestions included providing a lunch for the teachers early in the week. A salad bar was suggested. Meg P. offered to set up a signup genius for this event.
- Steve C. volunteered to make a sweet treat for the maintenance supervisor, custodians and school secretary.
- Jessica P. suggested we give the custodians and secretary Chamber gift certificates.
- Sarah W. made a suggestion about supplying a bunch of K cups for the teachers lounge and maybe a K Cup holder.
- Ms. Patterson volunteered to poll the teachers to see what they would like the best.

### **Spring Cookout and Dance**

- New idea was brought forth, to extend invitations to the spring cookout to fall kindergarten families. The families could get introduced to the school, students and teachers at the event. Might also be a great way to get new families interested in the JM PTO.
- Potential date for the spring cookout is Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Sarah W. to figure out actual cost of food and look at reducing the price per plate from last year. PTO is not looking to make a profit from this event, we are just looking cover the cost.
- Ms. Patterson will work on drafting a welcome letter to the families of incoming students for fall, advertising the event.
- Another idea included having a school open house and tours from 4:30 to 5:30 for incoming families.

### **Future of JM PTO**

- 4 of the 4 officers are looking to step down. All still would like to be involved in PTO, just not at an officer level. Next meeting we need to discuss who is willing to step up into the officer roles.
- Teachers requested a calendar of events for next year. This would list dates of events and well as what events are being planned for next year. Sarah W. will put together a tentative list of what we know now for next year. This will not be a complete list as many of the dates are yet to be determined.
- PBIS committee is thinking of using this list to purchase magnets for families so they have a list of school events and dates right at the beginning of the year.
- Suggestion was made for everyone to bring a friend to the next PTO meeting on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This will help introduce new people to PTO and what we do.
- Also need to think of ways to have parents want to become involved in the PTO and help with school events.