

October 25, 2016

Agenda Items:

Principal's Report

- There was a great turnout for the first parent/teacher conferences of the year.
- **G2m** session 1 is underway. 5th Graders are having a great time mentoring 2nd graders in Lit. Art.
- The John Marshall football and volleyball seasons have just completed.
- **Fall Fest 2016** was another success. The weather was a little rainy and may have hindered some people from coming out. The feedback from the attendees was that it was fun for families.
- **Ice Cream Social and Tech Night** was attended by 57% of the students and their families. This was a great turnout compared to other schools in the district.
- **No School Thursday 10/27 and Friday 10/28.**
- **Early Dismissal on Friday 11/4 at 11:30.**

Treasurer's Report

- Balance: \$6417.84
- Fall Fest netted about \$1300 in profit (not all revenues/expenses are in yet)
- If you need to be reimbursed by the PTO, please leave a note and receipts for Matt M. in the PTO mailbox. Then send an email or text to Matt letting him know that there is something that needs his attention in the mailbox.

September Recap

a. Event Recaps

- Just a reminder, event Recap sheets are due to Sarah W. after events. This is to help with planning similar events in upcoming years.

b. South East Side Group

- Sarah W. has been attending the South East Side Meetings.
- Collection Bins for box tops and milk caps are now located in the Airport for the South East Side Meeting participants to use.
- Dia T., Sarah W. took leftover pumpkins from the Fall Fest and sold them at the South East Side Meeting.
- South East Side Residents voiced to Sarah W. that they really appreciate the relationship that they have with the school and the PTO.

c. Fall Fest Recap

- There was drizzling rain throughout most of the event
- There was a good turnout for the weather
- Vendors that were there indicated that they would like to come back again next year.
- Scarecrow silent auction did not go as well as last year.

d. Parent/Teacher Meals

- Teachers were very grateful to the PTO for again continuing to provide food on conference nights.

Signup Genius

- Just a reminder that if you set up a signup genius for an event, always remember to include your name, phone number and email in the description. Some people would rather call and speak to the organizer rather than sign up online.

Olive Garden Pasta for Pennies

- Sarah W. received information from the Olive Garden asking for us to support a Pasta for Pennies campaign that they have going. A motion was passed to decline supporting the initiative this year.

Box Top Battles

- Heather S. has been working on an idea to generate some motivation and competition surrounding collecting box tops.
- The idea is to have a monthly competition between the classes to see what class can get the most box tops. Every month the class with the most box tops will win a prize for that month.
- Prize ideas included things like: a traveling trophy, imagination playground time, pizza party or a guest speaker for the winning class.
- Heather S. will come up with a list of reward ideas and sit down with Ms. Patterson to discuss.
- Heather S. is looking for help counting the class box tops each month. Please contact Sarah Werth or Heather if you are interested in helping.

Spiritwear

- The fall spiritwear order forms are out. We have decided to go with the same offering as last spring.
- For the Spring 2017 order, we are looking at possibly changing to an online ordering format.
- Karissa D. is still working out the kinks of the online ordering possibilities.

Bookfair

- Dia T. is working on the Fall book fair. The theme for this fair is: Bookaneer Book Fair, Where Books are Treasure!
- The tentative dates for the fair are November 11 – November 18.
- The thresholds to get the highest cash back have been raised this year to \$2500. Based on sales from previous years, we should have no problem reaching the new threshold.
- The grand lunch is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 18th. The menu that day includes Pepperoni and cheese stuffed breadstick with a salad.
- Dia is going to use a new scholastic app that is similar to signup genius for requesting volunteers.

Winter Wish Store

- Steve C. will donate large and small gift bags that he has for the store.
- Sarah W. is going to look into securing a Thrivent card for the Winter Wish Store.
- Jackie I. recommended at a previous meeting that we solicit local businesses for donations to the Winter Wish Store.
- Kellie M. recommended that we try asking the south east side members if they have any paper bags, holiday bags or wrapping paper that they would be willing to donate to the Winter Wish Store.
- Sarah W. suggested we ask at the next South East Side Meeting for volunteers to help with the Winter Wish Store event. We would be looking for wrappers, craft table assistants and shopping assistants. Sarah will send request to SE side via email and discuss at next SE side meeting.

Future Fundraising Goals

- Ms. Patterson surveyed the teachers to see what items they would like the PTO to help raise money for and sponsor in the future.

- 43.8% of the teachers voted for the PTO to raise proceeds for a new drinking fountain with a water bottle filler. Ms. Patterson received one quote for this fixture and it was \$3375.
- Ideas that tied for 2nd place included increasing the yearly stipend the teachers can get reimbursed from the PTO and building a Lego Wall in the library. (approx. \$500).
- Mrs. Bauer is currently looking for lego donations for the wall. This is something new to the library and gives all the kids a chance to build and create with Legos. This Lego wall can also be used by students when there are indoor recess times.
- Sarah W to include Lego donation request in next PTO email.
- Group discussed general ideas about potential Winter/Spring fundraisers. At next meeting group will decide what initiative to support and how to fund raise for it.
- Heather to check with Ben re: another Sconni's night.