

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

February 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grindley at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Amanda Grindley

In attendance

Amanda Grindley	Tara Ripka	Heather Huntsinger	Bikem Oskin	Tonya Januszki
Robin Sweka	Patty Correll	Allen Harchak	Matt Burrows	Danyelle Crouthamel
Sinead Gallagher	Lindsey Harter	Joey Stewart	Amanda Fedisson	Kim Kneas Hilliker
Jacki Hopkins	Sharlene Yontosh	Shannon Hilliard		

Treasurer's Report (*Heather Huntsinger*)

Education Foundation will be getting awards this month
Fundraisers/Student sales. We had one returned check, but it has been addressed and taken care of.
Holiday store did well this year
Membership – one additional membership
Schwan's is still sending us money
Yearbook several deposits
Field Day has had movement as well
Holding accounts have had movement

PTO cannot use the school districts tax exemption number. Is it worthwhile to consider getting our own number? Discussion was had and everyone agreed.

Motion: by Amanda Grindley to approve Treasurer's Report made

Second: by Danyelle Crouthamel

Vote: unanimous

Secretary's Report (*Bikem Oskin*)

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve Secretary's Report from November 2016

Second: by Shannon Hilliard

Vote: unanimous

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve Secretary's Report from December 2016

Tara second December report

Vote: unanimous

Old Business

Clearance Reminder for Volunteers

Send all fliers to Bikem to upload to the website

Reading Counts Lab Open – Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. Need volunteers for March, April and May. Please make sure that there is a sign-in sheet and it is left in the library for the Librarian. In addition, books are not allowed to be checked out. Brenna Estel (Librarian) has asked that the books not be left lying around the Library.

Sound System Review & Discussion – Mrs. Zimmerman and Amanda Grindley went through the proposal from Robert M. Sides. Amanda is setting up an appointment with Robert M. Sides. The cost will be \$7,800 without labor of the speaker amplifier, microphone and mixer. The acoustic tiles would be something much further down the road. Possibly cost about \$10,000 to cover the labor as well. Phase 1 install would be about 1 week. Phase 2 would be next year. Approximately \$15,000

New Business

Ice Maker for Nurse's Office. The nurse request that the PTO purchase an icemaker for the nurses room. No water hook up would be needed. The appliance retails for \$89-\$130. Nurse can make small bags of ice when necessary.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to purchase an ice maker

Second: by Bikem Oskin

Vote: unanimous

Tissue Tower Contest – Kids would bring in tissue boxes and each classroom would build a tower and the winner would win hot chocolate/cookie party for the class.

Author Visit Contest – Jan Brett (www.janbrett.com) All of Bellefonte area received the notice.

Parents are asked to go to the website and request that Jan Brett come to the Centre County Library.

Donation Requests – Centre County Library Summer reading program has requested a donation.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to send a \$200 donation to the Centre County Library

Second: by Amanda Fedisson

Vote: unanimous

Sunshine Rotary Club requested a \$250 donation for the Kids Fair

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to send a \$250 donation to the Sunshine Rotary Club for the Kids Fair

Second: by Tara Ripka

Vote: unanimous

Faith Centre sent the PTO a thank you card for the food donation we collected during the Halloween

Other Business

Book Labels for Membership – Bikem Oskin emailed Brenna Estel. She said she is about to put in an order for the last of the books this year, but it typically takes 4-6 weeks to get the actual books. Once they come in Bikem will label them with the dedications from the 2016-2017 school year.

Committee Reports

5K/1mile: Erin Cernuska – Nothing to report

Book Distribution: Wendy Thomas – Nothing to report

BOX TOPS: Robin Sweka

\$1,636.80 received. Another \$1,192.50 is waiting to submit in March. There is promotion through March 12.

Winter Carnival: Tonya Januski, Bikem Oskin, Kim Hearn and Danyelle Crouthamel

Bikem – Poster winners are Braden Bickle from Mrs. DeFonzo's class and Kate Harman in Mr. Summers' class. We still need volunteers. If you know anyone, please contact Bikem. Tickets are on sale. Donations are needed. SWEPS wants tickets for prizes.

Tonya – Need someone to head up the raffle next year. Letters to business have gone out.

Donations are definitely down. Class baskets letters have gone out. We are going to make some calls.

Kim/Danyelle – We are going to do what we've done in the past. Soup is hit or miss.

Fall Dance: Robin Sweka – Nothing to report

Field Day: Kim Hilliker, Megan Kline and Ashley Price

Requested T-shirt designs from 4th & 5th graders. Only 6 were submitted. Mrs. Yontosh chose 2 and the 4th and 5th graders will choose amongst those. Volunteer forms will go home at the beginning of March

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski

March 22nd is the delivery for Marianna's. Can 5th graders help get the stuff off the truck? Six or so volunteers are still needed. They will be delivered at 1 p.m. Mrs. Yontosh will try to get the Cafeteria available for sorting. A flyer will be sent out to the families to let them know that the funds are going to go to the sound system. Bags are necessary.

Holiday Store: Amanda Fedisson and Amanda Grindley

\$3,500 in profits. The kids had a great time. We have already started shopping for next year. We purchased \$586 worth of stuff was during Christmas sales.

Suggestion from Mr. Harchak – Kids struggled with the “dads” on their list. There weren’t enough items.

If kids don’t have any money, have them come find a PTO member and we will give them money.

Labels for Education: Jacki Hopkins

Coming to an end in August.

Membership: Joy Miller – Nothing to report

Lindsey Harter suggested sending out a letter of acknowledgment to the parents that have become members shortly after the membership drive is over.

Scripts-Gift Cards: Shelby Hamilton – Nothing to report

SUNNY D Labels: Wendy Thomas – Nothing to report

Tyson A+ Project: Christy Witmer

She has only made 2 submission and we have only made \$15-\$30 per submission.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to stop collecting for the Tyson A+ Project

Second: by Bikem Oskin

Vote: unanimous

Volunteer Coordinator: Jackie Wynkoop – Nothing to report

Ways and Means: Michelle McConnell

Cookie Jar: There are still spots available

Bowling Day – There are 3 Sundays available in March. The cost is about \$500 and the times are from 2-4 p.m. We offer free lanes and shoes. Dates in question are March 5th, 19th or 26th. Should we have it? (Voted. Shannon approved) We picked 3/19.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to have the Bowling Night on March 19th

Second: by Bikem Oskin

Vote: unanimous

Yearbook: Andrea Harman & Jacki Hopkins

Andrea is working on the design. Jackie is working on the sales. We are going to set up a table at the carnival. Sales seem to be down. Mrs. Yontosh commented that there are less 5th graders this year.

Mrs. Yontosh

May 12 is Mini Thon.

Parent Advisory Council – Talked about ACT 339 College and Career Readiness. Feb. 23rd from noon to 1:30 p.m. is the next meeting at CPI with a tour. That will replace the March meeting. If anyone is interested. (Amanda Grindley will be there)

PSSA administration grades 3-8. keystones are later. PSSA have an option to do them on the computer. PG & Bellefonte are choosing to do computers. Benner is using it for some grades. MW is doing paper and pencil this year and next year is hoping to move to the computer.

We are participating in the “Bridging the School to Early Childhood Education”

Kindergarten student for 2017-2018 school year is up to 36 already.

Considering doing a Math 24 Challenge for the 4th and 5th graders as another option to Reading Competition.

Professional Learning for the staff. Different courses are being offered instead of everyone doing the same thing. Allen Harchak has received good feedback for the teachers taking classes on their own time and applying it to In-Services Days.

Jackie Lyntell will be moving to Bellefonte Elementary. M-W is losing a para-professional as well. Mrs. Yontosh and Mrs. Shawley are retiring on July 31st.

Mr. Burrowes – Reading Competition is open to 4th & 5th grades. We have 3 teams and practice on Wed from 3-5 p.m. March 25th is the competition at Central Mountain High School. There are 42

books that the kids choose to read from and will be asked questions from those books. Typically, more girls than boys participate. We will have a pep rally for the kids. Mythical Creatures are the theme this year. The PTO will buy the kids T-shirts for the participants.

Teacher Rep.: Patty Correll

Thank you for the cookies.

Feb. 27th through March 3rd is Dr. Seuss Week/Read Across America. We highlight other authors as well. Cat & the Hat is busy and cannot make it this year. If someone else can do it, please let Patty Correll know. Sam I Am costume is available as well. March 2nd.

March 3rd is Family Reading Night from 6:30-8 p.m. Theme is camping.

SWEPS would like to set up a google doc for the PTO for volunteering options.

Questions or Comments

Next meeting will be March 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Danyelle Crouthamel 8:14 p.m.

Second: by Shannon Hilliard

Vote: unanimous

Submitted by Bikem Oskin